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Gilford New Hampshire

Year Ending December 31, 2004

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DEDICATION

As our nation wages a war on Terrorism through the world, let us not forget that the price of freedom does not come without a sacrifice.

Our Nation's survival has been based on people being willing to stand up to those that wish to impose improper rule on individuals rights.

We have led the world in responding to the attempts of tyrants to control the world in World War I and World War II.

We have assisted other nations in their perils in the Korean Conflict, Vietnam, and Kuwait. Presently we are assisting Afghanistan and Iraq.

Now the War on Terrorism has focused on us – The United States, Home of the Free and of the Brave. We have once again stepped forward to defend our great nation and the free world.

We are able to do this because of the hundreds of men and women of our community and of our country who have served and who are currently serving in our nation's armed services.

For their devotion and sacrifice to preserve our freedom, we dedicate the 2004 Annual Report to them.

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**Town Officers
2004**

**OFFICERS ELECTED BY BALLOT AT
TOWN MEETING**

Term Commencing on Day of Town Meeting

**Three-Year Terms
SELECTMEN**

Alice H. Boucher	Term Expires 2005
Kinney O'Rourke	Term Expires 2006
Dennis J. Doten	Term Expires 2007

TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR

Debra Eastman	Term Expires 2005
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TREASURER

Gregory Dickinson	Annual Term 2005
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OVERSEER OF WELFARE

William Connelly	Annual Term 2005
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**Two-Year Term
MODERATOR**

Peter Millham	Term Expires 2006
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**Six-Year Terms
SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST**

Mary Lou Grevatt	Term Expires 2006
Diane Mitton (appt until 2005 Voting)	Term Expires 2008
Marjorie Muehlke	Term Expires 2010

**Three-Year Terms
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

George Sawyer	Term Expires 2007
Laurie Greenwood	Term Expires 2005
Gregory Dickinson	Term Expires 2006

**Three-Year Terms
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Polly Sanfacon, Chairperson	Term Expires 2007
Tracey Petrozzi	Term Expires 2007
David Buckman	Term Expires 2005

Jean Clarke	Term Expires 2006
Kimberly Slattery	Term Expires 2006

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Richard Hickok, Chairman	Term Expires 2006
Robert Brent	Term Expires 2005
Phyllis Corrigan	Term Expires 2005
Susan Greene	Term Expires 2005
Donald Sibson	Term Expires 2006
Constance Grant	Term Expires 2006
Diana Goodhue	Term Expires 2007
Sean Murphy	Term Expires 2007
William Phillips	Term Expires 2007
Derek Tomlinson, School Board Member	
Dennis Doten, Selectman Member	

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

William Akerley, Chairman	Term Expires 2006
Philip Brouillard	Term Expires 2007
John “Jack” McDevitt	erm Expires 2005

**OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John Goodhue, Chairman	Term Expires 2006
Douglas Hill	Term Expires 2007
Lee Duncan	Term Expires 2007
Thomas Drouin	Term Expires 2005
Lawrence Routhier	Term Expires 2005
Paula McDonald, Alternate	Term Expires 2007
Charles Coons, Alternate	Term Expires 2005
Rudolph Lehr, Alternate	Term Expires 2005
Donald Sibson, Alternate	Term Expires 2005

PLANNING BOARD

Polly Sanfacon, Chairman	Term Expires 2006
Richard Sonia	Term Expires 2007
Carolyn Scattergood	Term Expires 2005
Jerry Gagnon	Term Expires 2005
Richard Vaillancourt	Term Expires 2006
Richard Waitt	Term Expires 2006
William Johnson, Alternate	Term Expires 2006
John Morgenstern, Alternate	Term Expires 2006
Kinney O’Rourke, Selectman	

RECREATION COMMISSION

Corinne Demko, Chairman	Term Expires 2005
Richard Nelson	Term Expires 2006
Thomas Francoeur	Term Expires 2007
John Beland	Term Expires 2005
Miriam York	Term Expires 2007

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Andrew Howe, Chairman	Term Expires 2005
Donald Chesebrough	Term Expires 2006
Scott Davis	Term Expires 2006
Richard Foley	Term Expires 2007
Philip LaBonte, Alternate	Term Expires 2006
Charles Boucher, Alternate	Term Expires 2006

HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE COMMISSION

Ruth McLaughlin, Acting Chairperson	Term Expires 2005
Julianne McConnell	Term Expires 2007
Elaine Gagnon	Term Expires 2005
Esther Peters	Term Expires 2006
Mary Curtis, Alternate	Term Expires 2007
Richard Sonia, Planning Board Rep.	
Alice Boucher, Selectman Rep.	

Two-Year Terms

INSPECTOR OF ELECTIONS

Rutha Helfrich	Term Expires 2006
Shirley Snow	Term Expires 2006
Barbara Carey	Term Expires 2006
Georgetta Wixson	Term Expires 2006

Interim Town Administrator	Evans Juris
Director of Finance	Debra Shackett
Chief of Police	Evans Juris
Director of Public Works	Sheldon Morgan
Director of Planning & Land Use	John Ayer
Director of Recreation	Susan King
Technology Coordinator	Donald Girard
Health Officer	David Andrade
Building Official	David Andrade
Director of Emergency Management	Sheldon Morgan

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Rodney Dyer
Leo Sanfacon
Kinney O'Rourke

OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN AND TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Denise Morrisette

OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY THE TOWN TREASURER

Deputy Town Treasurer Cynthia Kupetz

OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Library Director Katherine Dormody

OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

Fire Chief Michael Mooney

ELECTED OFFICIALS OF GUNSTOCK ACRES VILLAGE DISTRICT

Moderator	Craig Sikoski
Treasurer	Jan Combe
Clerk	Terry Crawshaw
Commissioners	Louis Combe, Chairman
Steven LaBonte	
Robert Dalton	

TOWN OF GILFORD TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY FIRE DEPARTMENT	911
EMERGENCY POLICE DEPARTMENT	911
MEDICAL AID	911

Appraisal Department	527-4704
Building Inspector	527-4727
Conservation Commission	527-4727
Department of Planning & Land Use	527-4727
Finance Department	527-4702
Fire Station (Business Number)	527-4758
Health Officer	527-4727
Highway Department	527-4787
Historic District Commission	527-4727
Landfill/Recycling Center	293-0220
Library	524-6042
Parks and Recreation Department	527-4722
Parks and Recreation Program Announcement Line	527-4723
Planning Board Office	527-4727
Police Department (Business Number)	527-4737
Public Works Department	527-4778
Selectmen's Office	527-4700
Sewer Division	527-4778
Town Administrator	527-4700
Town Clerk-Tax Collector	527-4713
Zoning Board of Adjustment	527-4727

**Activity Reports
of
Officers, Officials,
Boards, Committees
and
Commissions**

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

There were two significant changes in town operations in 2005. The first was a quiet one – for the first time in a long time, the Board of Selectmen played a much more active role in the development of the budget for 2005.

For a number of years, department heads submitted their budget proposals to the Town Administrator for review. He then presented his budget recommendations to the Board for review. This procedure changed for the 2005 budget. Late this past summer, the Selectmen began meeting with the Town Administrator and department heads to review departmental budget requests. It took more than a dozen meetings in late August and in September for the Selectmen to craft a budget for presentation to the Budget Committee. This hands-on involvement by the Selectmen produced a financial plan for 2005 town operations that – except for personnel wages and benefits – was half of one percent less than the 2004 budget.

The other was much more dramatic – Gilford voters approved a change from the traditional town meeting form of government that had been in place since the town was organized to the SB2 form of government. As a consequence, a deliberative session of townspeople will review the municipal budget (and school budget as well) prior to having all town voters act on the budget in the privacy of the voting booth at town elections in March.

The New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration reviews each municipality's assessments every five years. The purpose of this review is to insure that the values assigned to properties for purpose of taxation are as close to full market value as possible. It was Gilford's turn for such a review in 2004.

While the DRA's analysis of its Gilford review had not been released at the time of this writing, it is certain that the town's assessed values will, overall, meet the required standard. In order to achieve this result, the town's appraiser has reviewed and changed assessments for individual properties annually for the past several years in an effort to keep pace with rising market values.

Steps have been taken to insure that every taxpayer is given adequate notice of new assessment figures in order to provide sufficient time to ask questions of the appraisal staff and/or to request modifications prior to the mailing of the second half property tax bills.

Of equal importance, the assessed values of all properties are now posted on the town's web site – www.gilfordnh.com. The web site also

contains other information about the Town of Gilford and its government, board and committee meeting calendars and minutes, and other items and links of interest. As always, comments and suggestions about improvements to the web site will be welcomed.

Economic development continued to be a major focus of the Board and virtually all of the departments in 2004. In the commercial arena, the Planning Board's approval and the developer's demolition of the 35 year old Lakes Region Plaza to make way for a new shopping center at McIntyre Circle marked the start of redevelopment of the last corner of that major intersection.

Similarly, the new owner of the LeMay property at the intersection of Gilford Avenue and Sawmill Roads cleaned up that site under the so-called brownfields program. In an effort to encourage the cleanup and to do the Town's part in stimulating desirable commercial development on the property, the Board used its authority under the New Hampshire *Brownfields* legislation to abate past due taxes and interest that had accrued from the former owner.

The City of Laconia and the Town continued to cooperate on the development of the Lakes Business Park off of Gilford Avenue along the Rts. 3/11 Bypass. The entire infrastructure for that project was completed in 2004, and the first new business occupants of the park should be moving in during 2005.

The Planning Board's development and adoption of a Master Plan for Gilford's growth during the year will set the tone for the community's growth in coming years. The Board is particularly grateful to the members of the Planning Board and the many citizens who cooperated in the completion of this long-overdue project.

Citizen participation in town affairs – perhaps the greatest hallmark of Gilford's community spirit – continued to be more than just evident. We thank everyone who stepped up to help with the numerous municipal endeavors that simply would not function without their efforts. Of particular note in 2004 were the volunteer efforts to plan and undertake the development of a new library and a new police station.

In the case of the former, the Library Trustees and volunteers have worked countless hours over the past several years and land was acquired in Gilford Village during 2004 for this facility. In addition library supporters have privately raised more than \$360,000 of their goal of \$500,000 to help defray the cost of this important project.

An equally strong and effective group of citizens and town officials that was convened in 2003 produced a detailed plan for a new police station to be located just to the east of Town Hall. The group worked diligently to develop a plan that would not exceed a cost of \$2.7 million.

However, the committee received final construction cost estimates that exceeded their self-imposed budget ceiling. As a result, the group will reconvene in 2005 to explore other alternatives to providing additional space for police operations.

On other fronts, the Weeks Farm Acquisition that was authorized by the 2004 Town meeting was completed late in the year. This effort, which was also the result of a significant volunteer effort, will preserve the view of Gunstock Mountain from the village.

Road and street reconstruction and maintenance continued in 2004 with the rebuilding of 13.1 additional miles. This program, which started in earnest in 2001, has resulted in the upgrading of approximately 25 miles of Gilford roads. The Board thanks the staff of the Department of Public Works and the contractors who worked on these projects for doing such an outstanding job improving the streets and roads we all use each day.

Finally, more effort was directed toward insuring that the use of the Glendale Docks and related parking areas became less of a burden for those who depend upon that facility for access to the lake and the islands. We are happy to report that the Summer of 2004 was one of the most incident free summer seasons in recent memory. Some modifications have been made to the Glendale Docks Regulations with the goal of improving the experience for those who use the facility even more.

As we look back, it would seem that 2004 just sped by, that perhaps it went so fast that we did not accomplish much. It is good, then, to prepare this annual report. It forces us to look back to make sure that we did our part to make Gilford the wonderful place to live, work, and play that it is.

Alice Boucher, Chairman
Kinney O'Rourke, Vice Chairman
Dennis Doten, Clerk

GILFORD APPRAISAL DEPARTMENT TOWN ASSESSOR'S REPORT

This past year (2004) was Gilford's Assessment Review year by the NH Department of Revenue Administration (DRA). Every 5 years every Town must go through this review process to ensure consistency to assessing standards. At the legislative level, the Assessing Standards Board (ASB) have set forth guidelines for assessors State-wide. The DRA refer to these ASB guidelines while conducting their reviews of our assessing processes. The DRA will publish their findings in early spring of 2005.

This review by the DRA involves all facets of the assessing operations from the manner in which elderly exemptions are processed to how we administer current use land assessment programs. The most important review they perform is the level and uniformity of our assessment base.

In an Assessment Review year each Town must have a ratio of no less than 90% but not higher than 110%. The 'ratio' is how close assessments are to current market value. For example, if our ratio was 90%, this would mean that assessments overall were reflecting 90% of current (2004) market value.

Typically, during an Assessment Review year, a Town must perform a complete revaluation in order to meet the criterion established by the ASB. However because we have been keeping our assessments current as the market has changed, and performing 5-year cycled inspections of all properties, the Town did not need to have a 'full' revaluation performed.

This 2004 year we performed another update to assessments in order to reflect the continuing increases in market value and to meet the State guidelines. As a result our tax rate fell to \$16.66 from the previous years' \$17.32. Had we not performed an update this year our ratio for 2004 would have fallen to 80%. As a result of the update, our ratio should fall within the 95% range, well within the State Standards referenced above.

The State administers a program of tax relief entitled LOW & MODERATE INCOME HOMEOWNERS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF. This program is administered by the State DRA however we will have forms in the appraisal office to apply. We expect to have the forms available in April (the State delivers the forms to us). The filing date is May 1st through June 30th of 2005 for the 2004 tax year.

Our office is available at any time to discuss local exemptions such as elderly exemptions, or tax credits such as veterans credits, at any

time. We are also available for scheduling meetings to discuss any aspect of the assessing process.

We extend our gratitude to the administration for their continuing guidance and support as well as our busy but always helpful Town employees for their cheerful and friendly attitudes. Most importantly we wish to thank the taxpayers of our Town for their patience and courtesies extended to us over the year. We look forward to providing you assistance in any way we can.

Respectfully,

Wil Corcoran, Town Appraiser
Marsha McGinley, Assessing Technician

**TOWN OF GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR
ANNUAL REPORT - 2004**

Today I received a report from the Finance Office, which states, "30th year begins 3/31/2005! This is my 22nd annual report as Town Clerk-Tax Collector of the Town of Gilford. Each year at this time I am amazed at the amount of work that has flowed through this office, the increasing number of transactions, receipts, bills, phone calls and dollars collected. Over the years we have added boat registrations, license plates, plate decals, computers, water bills, quarterly sewer bills and much, much more. It is only with the assistance of a dedicated and competent staff that we continue to absorb the increases and changes annually. At one point during this past year, due to changes in staffing we were at 50% of staff. Only with the dedication and tireless work of Deputy Town Clerk-Tax Collector, Denise Morrisette and Assistant, Heidi Emery were we able to carry out the daily functions of the office. Their commitment to the taxpayers included over one hundred hours of overtime and time away from their families and friends. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to them for stepping up to the plate during our time of need.

In late October the first of a monthly mailing of motor vehicle renewal reminders was mailed. It was mailed to all motor vehicle owners with a November birthday. The notice enables the owner to renew the registration by mail, gives the amounts due the town and state. So far the added service has been very popular for those wishing to use the mail or for those needing to budget for upcoming vehicle registrations. The notice also serves as a reminder for auto owners. So look for your notice, please check it carefully for accuracy and feel free to use this new mail in service.

One could not write a report of 2004 without including the four major elections. In February there was the First in the Nation, New Hampshire Presidential Primary where we were under the microscope by the Office of the Secretary of State for compliance with the Help America Vote Act. Gilford faired well in the audit, needing only minor adjustments. In March, 2004 we held our last old fashion Town Meeting, bringing to an end our former way of governing. Although we must move forward, the days of that loud voice from the back of the hall shouting, Mr. Moderator. . . will be missed. In the midst of a huge presidential campaign, our own State Primary election in September seemed lost with a tiny turnout and a very long Election Day for all the election workers. That long day was soon history with the huge turnout

of the November Presidential Election.

Manned with extra help, extra voting booths and plenty of coffee the election workers stepped up to the plate to carry out the duties with coordination, efficiency and accuracy to a very large voter turnout on November 2, 2004. There were more voters, more new voter registrations, more absentee ballots and more ballots than ever before. Waiting lines were minimal and I wish thank the election workers, volunteers, Supervisors of the Checklist, members of my staff and the voters for their patience and hard work. In addition, I thank Moderator, Peter Millham and Assistant Moderator Wayne Snow for their assistance and attention to detail during the planning and coordinating of the election. It really is heartwarming to see democracy in action. We are so fortunate in Gilford to have such dedicated election workers. Many thanks also to John Cameron and Doug Hill for their assistance.

On November 30, 2004 I was awarded the designation of Master Municipal Clerk from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. First obtaining the title of Certified Municipal Clerk in 1986, I have been slowly obtaining the credits necessary for the three additional steps working toward MMC. Credits are obtained by years of service, attendance at educational seminars and community activities. As only the second municipal clerk in the State of New Hampshire to receive the designation and only one of 343 in the US, I am proud of having achieved this career goal.

As I mentioned earlier, this office is constantly processing more of everything. Real estate tax bills are no exception. Millions of dollars are processed in this office each year. With the late in the year due date of tax bills, while many were enjoying the holiday week with their family and friends, this office was vigorously processing tax payments. In just the last four days of 2004, this office deposited over 4 million dollars, bringing total receipts for 2004 to nearly 25 million dollars.

Throughout the year many of you were supportive and complimentary and often remembered us with homebaked goods and candy. Thank you. It is our pleasure to serve you and we look forward to doing that again in 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman, MMC
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

2004 ANNUAL REPORT
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND USE

Two events highlighted 2004 for the Department of Planning and Land Use. One was the completion of the Master Plan update by the Planning Board in October, and the other was the conversion of the Town's regulations (Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision and Site Plan Review Regulations, and other town ordinances) into electronic files. Both the Master Plan and the regulations are printed and available in book form at the DPLU office in Town Hall, and both are available at no charge in a digital format on the Town's Internet web site at www.gilfordnh.org (see "Additional Links" on the Planning and Land Use department page). These documents were completed almost entirely in house at relatively little cost to taxpayers.

2004 saw another reduction in the total number of permits for building, plumbing, electrical, signs, and similar work (5% decline from 2003 and the lowest in four years). The number of new homes built dropped by 10 from 64 built in 2003, to 54 built in 2004 – a 16% decline. Like most communities, Gilford goes through cycles of growth and decline, so these figures may not reflect any long-range trend; however, while growth may have slowed, it has not stopped. Population growth is a part of life in Gilford and continues today as it has for decades which is, overall, a fairly moderate rate of growth.

The following table illustrates the work performed during 2004 by the office staff and the boards and commissions for which the department provides staff support:

I. OFFICE STAFF

1. Office Contacts

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Phone Calls Received	6,491	5,952	6,813	5,568	5,725
In-Person Visits	3,822	4,136	4,287	3,965	4,322
TOTAL CONTACTS:	10,313	10,088	11,100	9,533	10,047

2. Building Code Administration

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Building Permits	280	321	390	310	304
Plumb. / Elect. Perm.	209	241	381	342	296
Sign Permits	14	22	7	14	19
Demolition Permits	20	28	33	23	36
Misc. Permits	8	6	1	2	1

Driveway Permits	73	87	*	*	*
TOTAL PERMITS:	604	705	812	691	656

Of the 304 building permits issued, 13 were commercial building permits and 54 were for single-family homes (there were no condominiums in 2004). (* = Driveway permits are now issued by DPW, not DPLU.)

3. Declared Value Of All Construction

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
TOTAL VALUE:	\$14,573,331	\$17,082,702	\$27,000,139	\$19,349,569	\$20,530,527

4. Code Enforcement/Health Inspection Activity

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Building Inspections	564	468	671	444	476
Electrical (Rough/Fin.)	396	334	539	372	369
Plumbing (Rough/Fin.)	276	255	407	388	327
Zoning Enforcement	144	165	132	108	168
Health Officer Responses	96	105	48	45	56
TOTAL INSPECTIONS:	1,476	1,327	1,797	1,357	1,396

II. PLANNING BOARD

<u>Membership</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
Chair	Polly Sanfacon	4/06
Vice-Chair	Carolyn Scattergood	4/05
Selectmen Rep.	J. Kinney O'Rourke	
Regular Members	Richard Waitt	4/06
	Jerry Gagnon	4/05
	Richard Vaillancourt	4/06
	Richard Sonia	4/07
Alternate Members	William Johnson	4/06
	John Morgenstern	4/06

<u>Board Action</u>	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Site Plan Reviews	30	33	22	25	37
Subdivision Reviews	12	25	15	14	26
Master Signage Plans	0	1	1	2	1
TOTAL CASES:	42	59	38	41	64

III. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

<u>Membership</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>				
Chair	Andrew Howe	4/05				
Vice-Chair	Donald Cheseborough	4/06				
Regular Members	Richard Foley	4/07				
	Scott Davis	4/06				
	Charles Boucher	4/07				
Alternate Members	Philip LaBonte	4/06				
<u>Board Action</u>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Special Exceptions						
<i>Granted/Denied</i>		7/0	5/0	10/0	4/0	5/0
Variances						
<i>Granted/Denied</i>		3/6	6/1	1/0	1/4	5/1
Appeal of Admin. Decision						
<i>Granted/Denied</i>		1/1	0/1	0/0	0/1	0/0
Rehearings						
<i>Granted/Denied</i>		0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Equitable Waiver						
<i>Granted/Denied</i>		2/0	0/0	2/0	2/0	1/0
Withdrawn						3
TOTAL CASES:		20	13	13	12	15

IV. HISTORIC DISTRICT AND HERITAGE COMMISSION

<u>Membership</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>				
Chair	Ruth McLaughlin	4/05				
Selectmen Rep.	Alice Boucher					
Planning Board Rep.	Richard Sonia	4/07				
Regular Members	Elaine Gagnon	4/05				
	Julianne McConnell	4/07				
	Esther Peters	4/06				
Alternate Member	Gail Wood	4/05				
	Mary Curtis	4/07				
<u>Commission Action</u>		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Cases Reviewed		7	6	7	18	19

V. CONSERVATION COMMISSION

<u>Membership</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
Chair	John Goodhue	4/06
Regular Members	Douglas Hill	4/07
	Lee Duncan	4/07
	Tom Drouin	4/05
	Larry Routhier	4/05
Alternate Members	Paula McDonald	4/07
	Rudy Lehr	4/05
	Donald Sibson	4/05
	Charles Coons	4/05

<u>Commission Action</u>	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Cases Reviewed	36	14	32	34	22

The reduction in 2004 of total cases reviewed is due in large part to the state having created a new category of cases which used to require review by the Commission, but now require review only by the chairman before going on to the state. The commission also performed numerous field inspections and participated in investigations relative to the protection of wet and environmentally sensitive lands.

In 2004, the Town’s land use boards saw several membership changes. Richard Weaver finished eight years of service as a member of the Board of Adjustment, and Charlie Boucher was moved from being an alternate to a regular member. Diane Mitton completed a term as a member of the Historic District and Heritage Commission, and Mary Curtis was appointed to serve as an alternate. Gail Wood submitted her resignation from the Historic District and Heritage Commission at the end of the year. We are grateful to our land-use board members who work hard and give generously of their time. Their dedication and service to the Town is very valuable.

Finally, the staff of the Department of Planning and Land Use merits a vote of thanks for their good work. Thank you to department secretary Carol Welch, building inspector Dave Andrade, and administrative assistant Sandy Bailey, all of whom provide timely, professional service in a friendly way. I would especially like to acknowledge Carol Welch who celebrated her 15th year as a Town employee. Thank you, Carol, for your many years of hard work and dedicated service!

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Ayer, AICP
Director of Planning and Land Use

GILFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2004

In this my seventeenth annual report as the Chief of Police for our community, I report the following.

Although calls for service were within 64 calls of 2003, some categories of calls showed significant increases. They were: auto theft 114% increase, driving while intoxicated 27% and traffic stops 24%.

The department has equipped three (3) of our front line police cruisers with portable AED units for cardiac emergencies. All department personnel have been trained in their use. Additionally, our front line cruisers are also now equipped with portable breath testing equipment (PBT) to assist in DWI enforcement.

The Department participated in a regional training program in dealing with terror threats, which was held at the Laconia Airport. This program tested the emergency response and coordination of numerous public safety agencies.

The School Resource Officer Program continues at all of our schools. We currently have one officer assigned to the High School and one officer split between the Elementary and Middle Schools.

Our public education programs in drug education, as well as other safety programs continue to be well received in the community.

The first annual Kainen Flynn Fishing Derby was held at Gunstock and proved to be an extremely successful event for the youth in our area. I thank all of those who organized the event and those businesses who contributed, as well as those who participated in honoring our fallen officer.

Promotions during the past year include: Patrol Officer Christopher Jacques to Field Training Officer and Patrol Officer Douglas Wall to Detective/School Resource Officer.

New personnel in 2004 included: Officer Daniel P. O'Neill II and Communication Specialist Charlene Crowell.

In 2004, the department honored Officer Charles Hopkins for his 40 years of community service to the Town of Gilford and the City of Laconia.

The Facility Planning Committee continued to meet and finalize their recommendations to the Board of Selectmen in 2004. Although the conclusion was reached that a new police facility was the recommendation, it was decided to postpone seeking a bond vote based on higher than anticipated final cost estimates that were received. The Committee will reconvene in 2005.

I would like to thank the members of the Police Department for their

dedication and service to our community.

I would also like to thank the other Town Departments, as well as the Gilford School District for their support.

Finally, I would like to extend thanks to the citizens of our community for their support of the Police Department during 2004.

Respectfully submitted,
Evans E. Juris
Chief of Police

**ACTIVITY REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 2004**

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
Telephone Calls Received	17496	18570
Outgoing Telephone Calls	4550	5548
Calls For Service	14638	14702
Cruiser Mileage	178034	185714
Criminal Homicide	0	0
Forcible Rape	6	7
Robbery	4	1
Aggravated Assault	5	23
Burglary	52	36
Larceny	217	220
Auto Theft	7	15
Simple Assault	74	73
Arson	0	0
Embezzlement	0	0
Criminal Mischief	107	108
Prostitution	0	0
Drug Offenses	37	48
Gambling	0	0
Driving While Intoxicated	65	83
Parking Tickets	89	45
Accidents	360	340
Traffic Stops	2778	3466

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The following is an excerpt of a story in the 2004 Farmers' Almanac, "What is a small town, anyway? How we answer the question is largely a matter of perspective; in terms of size, one person's small town is another person's big city. But we all have a shared definition of what the quality of small town life is like."

During 2004 Public Works continued to strive to maintain that small town atmosphere that has drawn us all to Gilford. Road maintenance keyed in on maintaining our existing road infrastructure with minimul impact to surrounding properties and town values. We resurfaced over 30 roads with an asphalt shim, some getting a complete overlay while others only a partial, as necessary. It was, by far, the most aggressive road surface management program that this department has undertaken in recent memory. Concurrent with this work, crews concentrated on drainage issues around town, keying in on locations such as Governor's Island, Gunstock Acres and various neighborhoods to ensure that drainage worked properly. Our water truck scoured the countryside all summer, finding and flushing blocked pipes. Overall, we attempted to remedy those historical problem areas that have been troubling citizens and neighborhoods. Given the quantity and quality of work demanded, the men of the highway division once again came through with a sense of purpose and dedication, this is evidenced by a number of "thank you" cards and letters to the department.

The Sewer Division kept busy this past year as we continued to install radio read units on existing and new meters so that our quarterly reading assignments will be both faster and more efficient. Time was spent in reviewing and inspecting the proposed new line in our Lakes Business Park, in partnership with the City of Laconia. Utilizing minimul staff and generally used vehicles, the sewer employees continue to do their jobs with a minimum of impact to user costs. We currently have 1223 customers connected to public sewer. Associated user costs are as follows:

Administrative fee	\$14.59 / quarter
Flow charge	\$ 3.03 / 1000 gallons

Our Recycling Center continues to be busy as more and more people get into the recycling habit. Because recycling is becoming such an important part of our lives, and because the cost to recycling is still high, we are exploring options that may be available to Gilford, such as a

regional effort, where other communities are experiencing some of the same issues as we are. It would make sense to try and share some of the overhead costs associated with an aggressive recycling plan. Our goal is to expand our recycling efforts thus reducing the amount of trash that is disposed of through incineration at the Penacock Facility. To show our efforts to date, the following is a summary of this past years activity:

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	(following figures are in tons)				
Trash to Penacock Incinerator	6805	6977	7156	7564	7108
Aluminum/tin cans recycled	6.44	5.54	4.47	5.77	4.83
Newspaper/magazines recycled	109.88	99.31	67.53	86.70	89.85
Combined glass recycled	35.50	36.00	35.50	39.00	40.50
Total tonnage recycled	151.82	140.85	107.50	131.47	135.18
Brush incinerated	174,000	215,000	170,000	137,000	190,000
	(brush figures are in cubic feet)				

One of the more conversational aspects of Public Works being our Glendale Docks location, again this year continued to be a bustle of activity. As of this writing, dock #2 is being rebuilt, as was dock #3 last year. Once completed, this will substantially upgrade the docks, making them safer and more user friendly. We also installed a flag pole at the end of dock #2 to bring a sense of community to this part of town. Also we need to express our sincere thanks to Gilford Rotary for their construction and donation of a unique canopy that is meant to resemble an old railroad station's loading dock. This quaint structure will, come Spring I'm told, have a slate roof and interior lighting. Inside is planned to incorporate benches for those waiting for a ride to their island home or on their way to the mainland. We also hope to include an information board for the posting of information on current events and of interest to island dwellers. Once completed, this structure will serve to protect travelers from the weather and to give a sense of a time gone by, thus promoting our small town atmosphere. Thank You to the Rotary for their generous donation to our community.

Our Vehicle Maintenance division purchased, and has partially installed, an above ground lift allowing us to lift and service newer vehicles in the Town's fleet. Modified wheel bases make it difficult to utilize our old lift on the newer vehicles. Also we put into service, this year, a hazardous materials containment building meant to house those materials too dangerous, by law, to be located inside our main building. This new unit will ensure that we remain compliant with current laws as well as keeping our employees and working atmosphere safe. We continue to utilize a waste oil heater for those looking to get rid of their

old and non-contaminated waste oil. If you have oil collected from oil changes, feel free to contact our office and we'll let you know how you can deliver your waste oil to our facility. Not only will you be protecting the environment but you will also be helping to keep the cost of heating our public works building down. We have already reduced our heating costs substantially over the past years.

The following chart reflects the activity generated through the administration portion of Public Works this past year:

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
Public Sewer hookups	30	36	102	7	14
Driveway permits issued	80	95	120	116	109
Dig / Trench permits issued	17	16	28	21	29
Request for Action forms processed	159	149	114	89	85

In closing this report I wish to thank all those that have worked with us through the year; the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator's office, the various commissions, the other Departments and agencies, the many contractors, but most importantly you, the citizens of our fair town; THANK YOU for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheldon C. Morgan, Director

REPORT OF THE GILFORD FIRE – RESCUE DEPARTMENT FOR 2004

The mission of the Gilford Fire-Rescue Department is to provide the highest level of fire protection, pre-hospital emergency medical care and rescue services possible to the residents and visitors of the Town of Gilford. To provide these services and still be fiscally responsible requires a lot of planning and changes to previous operational paradigms. Increased use of automatic response aid from neighboring communities is necessary due to the continuing lack of firefighters within the Call Company. Technical rescue scenarios are also moving us into a regional type approach with neighboring communities due to cost and manpower.

A cooperative project with the Laconia Airport Authority has enabled the Fire-Rescue Department to work on developing an emergency response plan for the Laconia Airport. This plan, when completed, will encompass both aircraft and non-aircraft-related emergencies. We would like to thank the Airport Authority for its support and Airport Manager Diane Cooper for her involvement and technical support in this project. This planning project also resulted in a field exercise that tested this department's ability to handle a major incident at the Laconia Airport. This drill was a large undertaking, but it did identify some areas that need improvement through training. The NH Department of Safety, Bureau of Emergency Management provided technical assistance and funds to pay for the drill.

A continuing decline in the number of firefighters within the Call Company is a major concern to us. Presently there is an adequate core of EMS providers within the Call Company but there are no certified firefighters. Currently there are no active certified firefighters within the Call Company; three members are presently in their Firefighter 1 certification process. Ideally there should be a minimum of twelve certified firefighters on the call force. Recruitment of firefighters is difficult due to the large time commitment required. The Firefighter 1 certification course is nearly 200 hours, which typically incorporates two nights per week and several all day Saturday sessions. In addition to this is the time required for in-house training and emergency call response. We are always looking for new firefighter recruits, but please understand the commitment that is required. The training requirement is for your own safety as well as those that you will be protecting.

Many non-emergency activities are continuing, such as school education programs, commercial and residential fire safety inspections

and general public education. Much of the time and money expended on these programs do not show a true statistical result because we have no idea of how many fires were prevented. What we have seen, as a trend over the years, is the number of fires reported has declined. We believe this is a direct result of the education and inspection programs. Your participation in these programs is making the Town of Gilford a more fire safe community.

We would like to mention, in memoriam, Firefighter Mark Miller of the Laconia Fire Department, who died in the line of duty while training last March. Mark was well known to all of our members and had spent time just prior to his death training this department in ice rescue techniques. Mark was a good firefighter and a good friend to this department and he is surely missed.

The Gilford Fire-Rescue Department is committed to serving the residents and visitors of the Town of Gilford in the best manner possible. As such, the men and women of the Gilford Fire-Rescue Department would like to thank you for the continuing support that you give us.

2004 ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Structure Fires	53	Medical Emergencies	564
Grass/Brush Fires	12	Motor Vehicle Accidents	95
Vehicle Fires	9	Miscellaneous Medical/Rescue Calls	<u>28</u>
Hazardous Conditions	36	Total Medical Incidents	687
Miscellaneous Fire Conditions	<u>23</u>		
Total Fire Incidents	133	Service Calls	88
		Miscellaneous Incidents	<u>81</u>
System Malfunctions	48	Total Miscellaneous Incidents	169
Malicious False Alarms	2		
Unintentional False Alarms	65	Mutual Aid to Other Towns (fire)	82
Miscellaneous False Alarms	<u>25</u>	Mutual Aid to Other Towns (medical)	65
Total Alarm Activations	140	Mutual Aid to Other Towns (misc.)	35

TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR 2004 **1129**

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. Mooney
Chief of Department

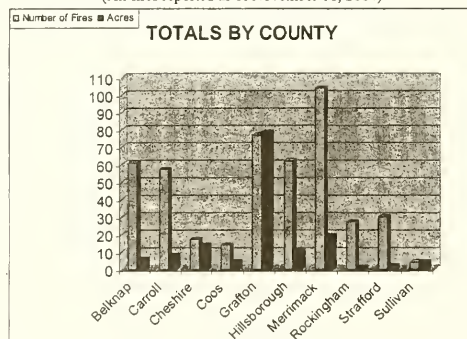
Board of Fire Engineers
William Akerley, Chairman
Phillip Brouillard
Jack McDevitt

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of Forests & Lands (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdf.org.

This last year was fairly wet throughout the spring and summer months, however we finished the season with an active fall fire season. In order to meet an increased demand for services, the Forest Protection Bureau was reorganized into three regions with smaller Forest Ranger Districts and over the last several years we have added two Forest Rangers. The fifteen state fire towers were the first to report on many fires throughout the state and they completed many other projects on the low fire danger days. The state implemented a program called Tower Quest to help citizens learn about fire towers and the need to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. The United States celebrated Smokey Bear's 60th birthday in 2004, and celebrations were held throughout the state. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire smart and fire safe!

2004 FIRE STATISTICS
(All fires reported as of November 18, 2004)



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	15
Campfire	41
Children	12
Smoking	19
Debris	201
Railroad	1
Equipment	5
Lightning	5
Misc.*	163 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

Total Fires Total Acres

2004	462	147
2003	374	100
2002	540	187
2001	942	428

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to look back and report on our facilities, programs, activities, and services offered in 2004. All in all, it was a good year, as we continued with the on-going challenge of meeting the diversified recreation and leisure needs of our growing and ever-changing community.

As for our youth programs in 2004, our fall soccer program involved 12 teams with approximately 140 boys and girls in grades 2 – 5 playing. Thirteen teams with approximately 105 hoopsters in grades 3 - 6 competed in our youth basketball program. In March, it was our pleasure to once again sponsor the Eleventh Annual Aaron T. Francoeur Memorial Basketball Tournament. Twelve area teams from Gilford, Sanbornton, Gilmanton, Laconia, Franklin, New Durham, and Bristol competed, with the proceeds going to scholarships for deserving GHS graduating seniors. In July, the Major League Soccer Camp program returned to Gilford. The group of English coaches ran the weeklong instructional camp for 42 children ages 6 – 12. Then in August, we again offered the Play Soccer Camp program. With good attendance in both our shorter, early evening session for the younger children (ages 4 – 6) and in our longer, morning session for the older children (ages 7 – 12), we had 94 children playing soccer for the week with the 6 English coaches. In July, we had approximately 75 - 80 children take part in our popular Shooter's Gold Youth Basketball Camp, under the direction of Coach Paul Hogan and his crew. This was our thirteenth season of being able to offer this hoop camp to our kids in grades 1 - 8. On July 10, we helped to co-sponsor the First Annual Make-A-Wish Frisbee Fundraiser Tournament at the Gilford Village Field. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Jared Aronson and Tom Chase, the Ultimate Frisbee event proved to be quite a success – and a lot of fun for the players and spectators alike! The after-school sports program, co-sponsored with the Gilford Elementary School, continues to be very popular, with 25 fourth and 25 fifth graders enjoying four sessions/activities throughout the school year. Offered in cooperation with Gunstock, our cross-country ski program allowed us to get 18 kids in grades 1 - 5 out enjoying the snow and nature along the trails. In spite of the often-bitter cold and icy conditions, all the kids became quite good skiers. On the slopes and under the lights at Gunstock, we had 42 boys and girls in grades 3 – 6 take part in our downhill ski/snowboard program. In May and June, we once again offered an introductory golf lesson program for both youth and adults, in cooperation with Bolduc Park and Laconia Parks and

Recreation Department. Also in June, we ran a golf lesson program for youth, in cooperation with Pheasant Ridge Country Club. Combined, we were able to offer a golfing instruction opportunity to 32 children and 13 adults. Approximately 80 children got to expand their creative horizons and to have some fun in our summer arts and crafts program at Gilford Beach. Swim lesson instruction was given to approximately 200 kids over the course of two 3-week sessions. While we manage to find an adequate number of available, certified lifeguards each summer, the shortage of such qualified individuals continues to make hiring a difficult process for all aquatic facilities around the lake and the state. Therefore, we must continue to pay our staff at comparable rates with other communities in the area if we are to be able to keep our beach open with qualified supervision. Approximately sixty children (ages 6 and up) and eighteen adults hit the courts for our summer tennis lesson program. Head instructor Curt Chesley and his crew did another outstanding job putting both the kids and adults through the paces during the four-week program. In 2003, we started offering a Kids' Friday Night Out Program to both children in grades 1 – 4 and grades 5 – 8, and we continued the program into 2004. Run in cooperation with the Gunstock Inn, the program has been well received, averaging 30 kids per night with the younger group and 15 with the older group. Activities included swimming, table-type games and activities, arts & crafts, and snacks.

As for other adult programs, the coed adult volleyball program held on Tuesday evenings continued to be very popular, averaging 20+ participants each week. Our switch to being able to use the Middle School gym truly helped to allow more participation. Our men's drop-in basketball program on Sunday mornings at the Gilford High School gym also showed steady interest and attendance. During June, July, and August, we again offered a coed adult softball program. In spite of busy summer schedules and the unpredictable weather conditions, approximately twenty-five players were signed up, and bodies managed to show up to the field every Sunday evening. We again played a couple of games against a group from Moultonboro. The Gilford Pairs and Spares, the senior adult group, continued to be active throughout the year, meeting regularly twice a month at the Weeks Parish Hall at the Gilford Community Church. Our activities in 2004 included a trip to Sawyer's for lunch and a boat ride on the U.S. Mail Boat Sophie C. out of the Weirs, a cookout at Gilford Beach, a Halloween party, a Valentine's Day party, a catered Christmas Party with Ellie Marie Murphy from Ala Carte Catering, craft activities, and a few potluck gatherings. Sadly, over time, we have lost a few of our regular group members, but we welcome and encourage new members to become a

part of this fun, social group. We're pretty low-key, but we have a good time - so come join us!

A variety of annual special events and activities were sponsored throughout the year. At our annual Easter Celebration in April, approximately 120 boys and girls came to see the Easter Bunny and to be entertained with a very lively performance by Rick Goldin. Special thanks to Kelly Welch for her "connection" to the Easter Bunny! A little over 200 costumed children showed up at the Gilford High School gym to enjoy a variety of games and activities during our annual Halloween Party. Special thanks to the 8th grade Student Council members, the Gilford High School Interact Club, and to all our other volunteers who helped to make this event a fun time for all involved. The Bicycle Safety Rodeo in May, co-sponsored with the Police Department, saw very good attendance – and no rain! All children who came out got to get their bikes inspected and licensed and to test their riding abilities on the bicycle skills course we set up.

Gilford Beach quite naturally seems to be a center of activity during the summer months. The 2004 season could have been better weather-wise, but it still proved to be a fairly busy one for the staff. Once again, our staff of lifeguards/swim instructors, gatekeepers, and maintenance employees performed admirably. Hiring for all of our summer positions continues to be a challenge at times, as we compete with all the communities in the area as well as the businesses. The issue of smoking at the beach continues to cause a great deal of discussion. The careless disposal of cigarette butts and other smoking debris on our beach is truly unnecessary and uncalled for. We kindly ask that all smokers please respect our facility and dispose of their smoking materials appropriately. Again, we are very proud and appreciative of the fact that we have such a true gem of a facility in Gilford Beach, and we sincerely hope to be able to continue to provide the services that the resident/taxpayers have come to expect there. The annual Water Carnival at Gilford Beach was a great way as always to wrap up our summer beach activities, with approximately 100 children attending. The beach concession stand was leased by Steve Buzzotta of the Ellacoya Country Store and Deli. The staff did a good job operating the stand and offered a varied menu to the hungry patrons of the beach.

The ice-making process at the Arthur A. Tilton Gilford Ice Rink went fairly well during the 2003 – 04 winter months. Actually, there were many days where it was too cold, and this in turn kept our attendance down. The rink opened officially for the season on December 31, 2003 and closed officially on February 29, 2004. Revenues from the supervised recreational skating and stick, puck, and

helmet times came to a little over \$900.00. As always, we hope for cooperation from Mother Nature and plenty of stable, cold weather for the 2004 – 05 skating season.

The general upkeep and maintenance of all of our facilities – Gilford Beach, the Gilford Ice Rink, the Village Field, Stonewall Park, and Lincoln Park - continues to keep us busy, with a never-ending list of things to take care of. While it is a pleasure to see the heavy use that all of our facilities receive, it often makes the tasks of mowing, trash pick up and disposal, repairs, and just the day-to-day upkeep a constant challenge. In 2004, we were fortunate enough to receive donations from the Massachusetts Bass Federation, Northern Bass Supply, Contract Support Group, and the Gilford Rotary for use at Gilford Beach. In December of 2004, we were able to purchase one large piece of playground equipment for the beach, with hopes of purchasing one more smaller piece in the very near future. Plans are to install both pieces in May 2005. Vandalism continues to plague all of our facilities, but we carry on with repairs and replacements as best we can. Please be sure to report immediately anything that you see at any time that could possibly fall into the area of damage and/or destruction. We take great pride in our community and its people, and with your cooperation, we wish to continue to keep Gilford a great, clean, and safe place to live.

Ongoing issues that we continue to keep on the burner are an interest and need in expanding our youth/teen programs, improving and expanding our athletic field facilities, exploring other potential uses for the ice rink, and developing/constructing a community center. While the timing and the funding of such projects/issues may never be appropriate, we certainly do not wish to lose sight of them. As we proceed into the future, we will continue to reevaluate these projects/issues, to update our goals and objectives, and to review our Town's ability to pay for them. Special thanks to the Gilford Youth Baseball Association for all the renovations and improvements they have done to the Aaron T. Francoeur Little League Field at the Village Field. They are to be commended for all their efforts and donations.

We once again sponsored the series of summer concerts at the Village Field and the annual Christmas holiday concert by our very own Gilford Community Band. A big "thank you" to all the members of the band for another great year of music and entertainment! And thanks to the Gilford Rotary for their donation of a Christmas tree and lights for the bandstand at the Village Field – the tree was enjoyed by one and all as they passed by along Belknap Mountain Road.

The Parks and Recreation Commission meets monthly at the Town Hall and the meetings are open to the public. We welcome your

comments and suggestions regarding programs, activities, and facilities. We also offer sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of the volunteers who give so generously of their time, talents, and energies to help with our endeavors throughout the year. Also, thanks to all of the local businesses that sponsor and/or donate to many of our programs and activities. We truly value your friendship and support – we could never accomplish what we do without all of you!

In closing, special thanks to the other Town Departments and to the schools for all their help and cooperation throughout the year. We are very pleased to have served the people of Gilford in 2004. At this time, we would like to thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to the challenges that 2005 will bring as we continue on our mission to provide safe, quality programs, activities, and facilities for our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue King
Parks and Recreation Director

Parks and Recreation Commission:
Cory Demko, Chair
Rick Nelson, Vice-Chair
Thom Francoeur
John Beland, Secretary
Miriam York

REPORT OF THE GILFORD OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

Saturday, August 28, 2004 – “MARDI GRAS COMES TO GILFORD”! Yes, it was the 85th Annual Gilford Old Home Day celebration – and while it was extremely humid, the sun was shining! The Parade Grand Marshal was former Gilford Elementary Principal Mike Tocci. The day itself was dedicated to the memory of two young girls – Bridget Hughes and Kaila Murphy – both of whom lost their lives to serious illnesses during the school year. They will eternally light our lives and live in our hearts. The traditional Gilford Rotary Club pancake breakfast at the Community Church and the parade in the morning were as popular and well attended as always. In the parade, there were some outstanding floats, bands, color guards, mini-bikes and motorcycles, marchers, scouts, kids on bikes, National Guard vehicles, horses, oxen, antique and classic vehicles, politicians, and of course,...lots of beads! The usual crowd packed the entire Village area, from the Library all the way up to the Benjamin Rowe House. After the parade, some great music from Paul Warnick and Phil 'n the Blanks emanated from the Village Field bandstand. Our very faithful Master of Ceremonies, Bob Pomeroy, kept things rolling with announcements, presentations, and his own unique brand of humor. The Opening Ceremony featured the singing of the National Anthem by Megan McLean. Back again for a second year was the Crazy Maze Company who set up their portable maze on the Village Field. Kids and adults wandered in there for hours! Next to them was the Undersea Adventure, a wild inflatable tunnel for the kids to crawl and slide through. The Pole Vault Exhibition, sponsored by the International Pole Vault Consortium, again attracted a big crowd as well. The Portable Adventures Rock Climbing Wall, which proved to be a big hit in 2003, returned and climbers young and old attempted to reach the top! The traditional games and field events for the kids of all ages took place in the afternoon, with a few new twists to the races. As the afternoon progressed, the crowd enjoyed the entertaining performance by Rick Goldin – everyone got to sing, dance, and jump along with Rick and his singing animal puppets. Helen Jeddrey, Miss New England, took a few minutes to crown Gilford student Gina Davis as “New England Queen For A Week.” A dance performance by the students from the Edgewater Academy of Dance was enjoyed by many who were seeking some shade under the Entertainment Tent. The pie-eating contest and the egg toss were fairly well attended, in spite of the heat, and as always, provided a lot of laughs for the spectators and participants alike. Both Piche’s 6th Annual Kids’ Fun Run

Race and Piche's 27th Annual Road Race went off without a hitch – water, water everywhere was the key! The RE/MAX Lakes and Mountains group was able to return to offer their hot air balloon tether rides – the balloon is quite a sight to see, and the view from above is well worth the fee! After a brief dinner/rest break, the crowd began to return to the Village Field. As they set up their chairs and blankets to enjoy the traditional evening concert by our own Gilford Community Band, folks were entertained by Gary Sredzienski, as he strolled through the crowd playing a wide variety of music from his many accordions. At the conclusion of the concert, the clear skies over the Village Field exploded with our traditional fireworks display – bigger and better than ever! The evening was capped off with a dance for all ages, featuring our good friend and Old Home Day supporter Warren Bailey as DJ. At about 11:45 PM, everyone who had managed to stay until the end dragged their tired bodies home for some sleep! On Sunday morning, with the once again outstanding assistance from the Gunstock Nordic Association, the entire clean-up process went quickly and smoothly. Yes, another Gilford Old Home Day had come to an end!

We wish to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to all the advertisers, Town Departments, sponsors, volunteers, and friends who once again helped to make this very special annual event happen – we could never pull off this tremendous undertaking without them. Plans are already underway for the 2005 celebration, scheduled for Saturday, August 27, 2005. If you would like to be on the Committee or to volunteer in any way, please call the Parks and Recreation Department Office at 527-4722. Helpers are always needed, and ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Be sure to mark your summer calendars now for August 27th !!!

Respectfully submitted,

Gilford Old Home Day Committee

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN GILFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

We're pleased to write about the events, programs and services provided by the Gilford Public Library in 2004. Our success at the library is a reflection of the town we serve, blessed with people of vibrant, diverse backgrounds and interests. On behalf of the Library, we'd like to thank the residents of Gilford for their support over the past year, and to summarize our achievements for the town's information.

Our growing community took greater advantage of our collection and programs than ever before. In 2004, our circulation was up 8% over last year to 94282. That is more than 13 items checked out of the library for every person in Gilford. Our book discussions, storytimes, and other special events drew in well over 6,000 participants.

When it comes to programs for adults, we had quite an array of fascinating evenings in 2004. But we're always most excited to offer programs that feature some of our remarkable local residents. We'd like to take a moment to specifically thank Betsy Fowler, Don & Barbara Carey, Paul Warnick, Moira Connelly, Karen Gingrich, John Goodhue, Lisa Cole, Kelley White, Devitt Liptak, Ursula Minich-Boutwell, Lani Voivod, Brian Fowler, Kathy DeFregger, and Sam Aldridge for using us as a forum to share their experiences and talents with the community during the past year.

Meanwhile, our Children's Department continues its awe-inspiring performance. They deliver five storytimes per week to the parents and kids of Gilford, introducing youngsters to books in a fun and lively manner. The building blocks for a lifetime of literacy are created in such events, as well as in our annual Summer Reading Program. This year's "Check Out a Hero" theme inspired participants to read 4,541 picture books and 603 chapter books during the eight-week program. We'd also like to take a moment to thank the Gilford Police and Fire-Rescue Departments, who sent some of their real-life heroes to visit with kids at the Library.

To help ensure that the community is aware of the great assortment of programs and services we offer, we sent press releases on a regular basis to three local newspapers, five radio stations and the Lakes Region Public Access Bulletin Board on MetroCast channel 25. We've also expanded the amount of information presented to the community through our website at www.gilfordlibrary.org, turning it into both a vital local resource and a portal for the world beyond our town's borders. (Why not make it your homepage?) And we've contributed a Library column to the *Gilford Steamer* every week since the paper's launch on May 6th.

We'd also like to say thanks to our talented and caring group of volunteers, who help lift the services of the Library to a truly remarkable level. They work in all areas – shelving, research, materials processing, and more. Junior Volunteers (young adults in grades 5-8) played a vital role in the Children's Summer Reading Program, and the Grandparents and Books program continues to benefit both kids and older adults in the community. Volunteers dedicated 1,630 hours of service this year – over 30 hours per week!

A separate group of volunteers - the Gilford Library Advisory Committee - is moving forward on its plans to build a new library facility, one that's adequately equipped to handle the ever-growing needs of the community. Voters overwhelmingly supported the purchase of land for a new building in March of 2004, but the approval of a bond to build the new facility lost by a narrow margin. After reviewing input from the community and making minor changes to the design, the library will again submit this request for voter approval on March 8th, 2005.

Further, a dedicated committee of fundraising volunteers has embarked on a successful capital campaign. They've raised their original goal, and are now two-thirds of the way toward the goal, which is to entirely equip the proposed building, and use the ballot initiative to fund construction costs only.

We're greeting 2005 with great anticipation – not only because of our enthusiasm at getting to serve such a wonderfully responsive and active community, but also because we believe that Gilford residents will make an important investment in the community by voting for the new library facility when they get inside the voting booths on March 8, 2005.

We know we're on the right track in providing great services to Gilford when we attract more people every year to use our facility, but we know there are always things we can do to improve. We welcome your suggestions and comments, because this Library belongs to you, and we want to make sure it continues to meet your needs – now, and well into the bright future of the town of Gilford, too.

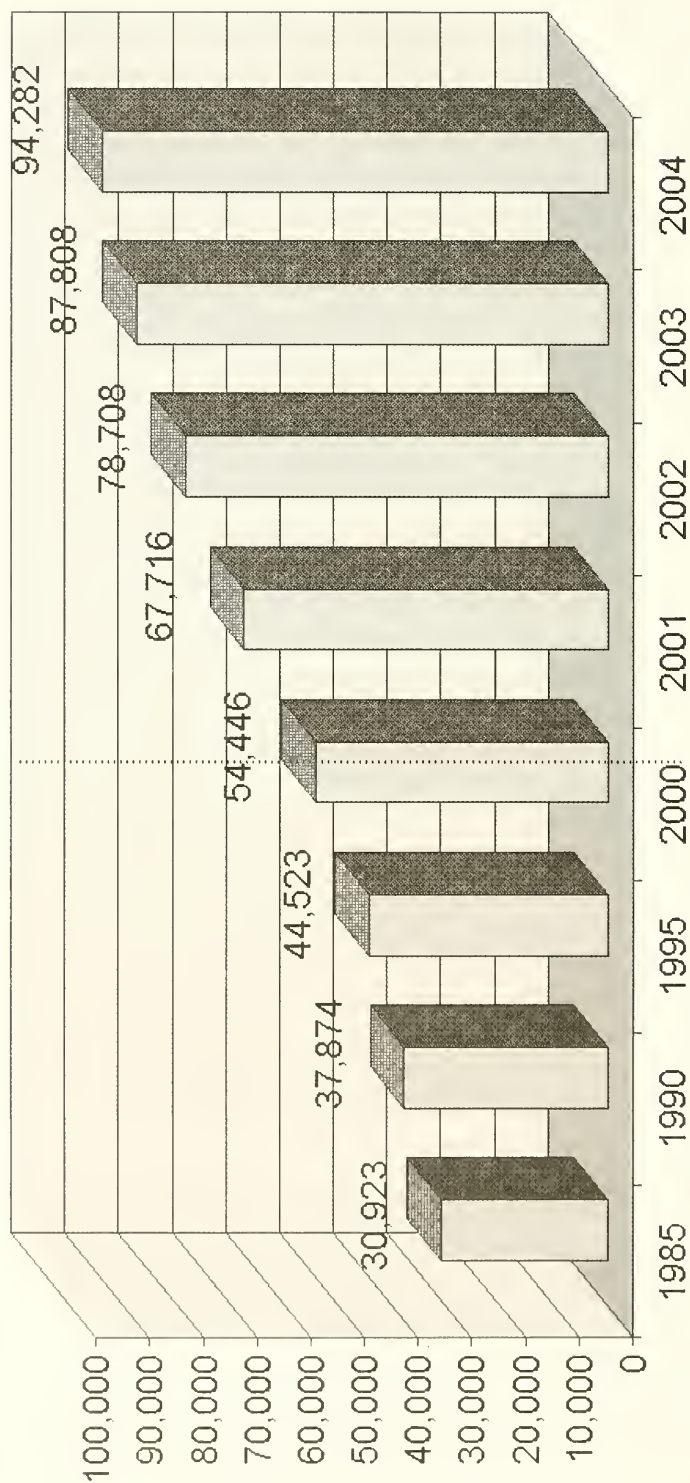
Katherine Dormody, MLIS
Library Director

Library Staff:

Anita Hewitt	Judi Knowles
Betty Tidd	Lisa DiMartino
Jolene Wernig	Jessie Tanner
Allen Voivod	

Gilford Public Library

Number of items circulated per year



GILFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY NON-APPROPRIATED FUNDS REPORT

Category	Balance 12/31/03	Receipts	Expenses	Balance 12/31/04
Children's Fund	107.46	1160.73	1129.54	138.65
Copier	2361.31	1778.86	4302.85	-162.68
Fines	6176.25	6414.83	4151.71	8439.37
Gifts	909.25	4476.80	4031.65	1354.40
Grants	180.42	769.40	757.40	192.42
Interest	144.26	23.94	100.00	68.20
Misc./Fees	1730.37	3131.80	3289.94	1572.23
Remick Trust	30.51	60.00	0.00	90.51
Smith Trust	482.89	0.00	31.93	450.96
Town-Reimbursed Expenses	238.15	6747.13	7630.06	-644.78
Calendar Project	-60.07	2722.00	1599.50	1062.43
Totals	12300.80	27285.49	27024.58	12561.71

Building Fund	0	149731.12	91971.18	57759.94
Building Fund CD	0	50,750	0	50,750
Building Fund CD2	8345.64	91.68	0	8437.32
Gift CD	5071.28	76.24	0	5147.52
Howe Memorial CD	7919.37	39.13	0	7958.50
Allen Memorial CDs	23465.36	201.2	0	23666.56

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

During 2004, 32 single folks and 47 families, representing another 128 persons were directly assisted by financial relief, counseling, or information and referral services. Hardship and problems this year have continued to include expensive medication expenses, illnesses, and a number of underemployed families, many of whom have never before had to seek assistance.

Most of these folks have also been eligible to receive State-Federal Welfare Assistance in the form of checks, medicaid, debit cards and social services (524-4485). Federal Supplemental Security Income checks also help some persons with handicaps and others in low-income families (224-1938). The Julia Ladd Fund “for the worthy poor” is administered by the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

There is an excellent Energy Assistance Program at the Belknap County Community Action Center where money is also available (524-5512). It also facilitates a PSNH electricity discount program. The St. Vincent de Paul Society operates a Food Pantry along with its thrift store on 1269 Union Avenue (524-5470).

The Model Welfare Guideline, updated 1992 Edition, of the New Hampshire Municipal Association sets the example for our own Gilford Welfare Guidelines. These, used with understanding and discretion, best express our concern of “helping neighbors to help themselves.”

For any questions, or for a neighbor who might need assistance, please get in touch through the Town Office (527-4700) or at home (293-4990). Let us all continue to share our blessings through this year.

Thank you.

William M. Connelly, II, A.C.S.W.
Clinical Social Worker

REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION

The Gilford Task Force on Drug/Alcohol Abuse Prevention was organized in 1989 to address the issues of drugs and alcohol use in our community. The Task Force is comprised of town officials, the Gilford Rotary Club, community leaders, educators, parents, students, representatives of social service agencies, and members of the general public. The meetings are held at Gilford High School on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 AM.

The mission of the Task Force is to unify community agencies and professional resources in order to provide community based, early prevention programs, and intervene for individuals at risk.

During 2004, the Task Force continued to work closely with parents, students, and community agencies to create awareness about the issues of drug/alcohol abuse prevention. Representatives from the Gilford High School Student Council, the S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Chapter, and the Interact Club regularly attend meetings and report on club activities. The Gilford Rotary Club annually appropriates funds to support programs promoted by the Task Force. Funding support is also received through grants from the Gilford Police Department.

The Task Force, in cooperation with the Gilford Parent Teachers Association, endorses "Safe Homes", a pledge by parents to provide a safe home, free from alcohol and drugs for youth. Over 130 families in Gilford have signed the "Safe Homes" pledge. The Task Force regularly publishes a newsletter for citizens.

Included here is a pledge form. Please join in our efforts to maintain a drug-free community by participating in "Safe Homes". The pledge form may be returned to the Gilford Elementary School, Gilford Middle School, Gilford High School, or the Selectmen's Office.

If you are interested in working with the Task Force, or would like to receive mailings of the quarterly newsletter, please contact the Gilford Board of Selectmen at 527-4700.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra T. McGonagle, Chair

SAFE HOME PLEDGE

I PLEDGE to provide a safe home...

- I will not allow parties or gatherings in my home when I'm not there.
- I will not serve, nor will I allow youth under the legal drinking age to consume alcohol in my home or on my property.
- I will not allow the use of illegal drugs in my home or on my property.
- I agree to have my name appear on a Safe Homes list for distribution and publication in area newspapers.
- I will not allow the use of tobacco products under the age of 18 in my home.

Name (please print)_____

Address_____

Telephone_____

Children's grade levels_____ Date_____

Signature_____

Return this form to:

Gilford Elementary School
Gifford Middle High School
Gilford Town Hall

_____ Please send me a list of others in our area who have signed the Safe Homes Pledge.

GILFORD LAND CONSERVATION TASK FORCE

The Land Conservation Task Force was authorized by the Gilford Town Meeting and charged by the Board of Selectmen to inventory and identify areas of the community, which, by preservation, would maintain Gilford's rural character and scenic beauty, while simultaneously protecting our natural resources.

Many acres have been preserved in Gilford through the NH Land Conservation Program and the generous donations of conservation easements from local residents.

On behalf of the citizens of Gilford, we express our thanks to the families who have generously donated conservation easements. We encourage citizens to consider a conservation easement as a way to assure that land will be preserved for years to come.

During 2004, the Task Force, in collaboration with the Gilford Conservation Commission, recommended to the Town Meeting to appropriate \$175,000 for the purchase of 236 acres and development restrictions on 30 acres of the former Arthur Weeks Farm. The purchase was approved by the voters at the Town Meeting. The Task Force expresses its thanks to the Stephen Weeks family for working with the Town to preserve the beautiful views of the Belknaps.

The Task Force has continued to engage in discussion with landowners who have an interest in land conservation. The Task Force is developing a monitoring system for lands on which the Town of Gilford currently holds easements.

Please contact the Task Force or the Gilford Board of Selectmen to discuss tax advantages in the donation of land for conservation purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra T. McGonagle, Chair
Russell Dumais
Douglas Hill, Esq.
Marjorie Muehlke
Steve Nix
Dawn Scribner
Nathan Smith
Jack Woodward

Kimball Wildlife Forest Committee

The Kimball Wildlife Forest Committee was established by the Board of Selectmen in May, 1990, with the charge to address the "remaining land" at Kimball Castle, which includes all the land of the Kimball Forest Property, excluding 20 acres surrounding the Castle. Two miles of trails have been completed on the property and were formally opened to the public in the Spring of 1992.

The trail system starts approximately 100 feet from the entrance to the parking area off Route 11. The trail is marked by blue rectangles with interpretive stations indicated by numbers. It is estimated that nearly 700 hikers a week make the trek to the top of Lockes Hill during the hiking seasons. Schools in the area make use of the trails for science and ecological studies, as well as the study of local and regional history. Over 1000 trail maps are distributed each year to hikers and students in our schools.

During 2004, the Committee continued to be vigilant in the management of the land in the Kimball Wildlife Forest through timber harvesting. Selective cutting was conducted to maintain the views on the property. A special thanks to the Restorative Justice Program for its assistance in picking up the brush that was left from trail clearing.

A set of panoramic binoculars was placed in the glade on the Lakeview Trail. It is the hope of the Committee that hikers will enjoy the views from Lockes Hill.

Anyone interested in working with the Kimball Wildlife Forest Committee may contact the Board of Selectmen at 527-4700.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra T. McGonagle

Sumner Dole

William Veazey

Joan Veazey

Bob Dean

Jan Dean

George LaBonte

Joel Sonnabend

Gail Tebbetts

Mary Jodoin

David Jodoin

TOWN OF GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 9, 2004

The polling place was readied with instructions in the booths and posting of sample ballots and instructions were done. Inspectors of Elections were Barbara Carey, Shirley Snow, Betty Helfrich, Georgie Wixson, Sheldon Morgan. Assistant Moderator was Wayne Snow. Moderator, Peter V. Millham was also given the oath of office as Assistant School District Moderator by Town Clerk-Tax Collector Debra Eastman.

The vote tabulator had been previously tested by Debra Eastman and Wayne Snow and found to be working accurately. Ballots were counted by the above along with Selectman Kinney O'Rourke and resulted in their being 2444 page 1 and 2499 page 2 ballots received from the printer.

The Moderator asked if anyone wished to observe that the ballot box was empty. At 8:02 the Moderator began to read the warrant. Wayne Snow who moved to dispense with the reading of the remainder of the warrant and to proceed with the voting interrupted him. Kinney O'Rourke seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and he declared the polls open for voting.

The Moderator announced that the absentee ballots would be processed at 1 p.m.

ARTICLE 1. To Choose the necessary Town Officers for the following year.

The votes were tallied with the following results:

SELECTMAN – THREE YEAR TERM

Dennis Doten 990

ELECTED

Joseph Hoffman 204

Write-ins:

John Goodhue 2

Richard Hickock 2

Paul Goodwin 1

Robert Merwin 1

Leo Sanfacon 1

Eric McLaughlin 1

Wayne Snow 1

TOWN TREASURER - ONE YEAR TERM

Gregory M. Dickinson 1152

ELECTED

Write-ins:

Joe Hoffman 1

Dick Persons 1

Steve Welch 1
Dom DiCarli 1
G. Marcoux 1
Rich Fernholz 1

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE – ONE YEAR TERM

William M. Connelly 1064 ELECTED

Write-ins:

Doug Lambert 2
Steve Welch 1
Karen Craver 1
G. Marcoux 1
Jim Cookman 1
Ray Seabeck 1
Erica Johnson 1
Fred Wernig 1
Peter Tenet 1
Bob Watson 1
Jack Stephenson 1

MODERATOR - 2 YEAR TERM

Peter V. Millham 1121 ELECTED

Write-ins:

Joe Hoffman 7
Wayne Snow 2
Steve Welch 1

FIRE ENGINEER – 3 YEAR TERM

Philip Brouillard 578 ELECTED

Kenneth R. Kneuer 502

Write-ins:

Robert Landry 1

FIRE ENGINEER – 1 YEAR TERM

JOHN “JACK” MCDEVITT JR 1019 ELECTED

Write-ins:

Stephen Carrier 1
John Beland 1
William Drew 1
Kenneth Kneur 1
Larry Guild 1
Peter Sawyer 1
Phil Brouillard 1

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST – SIX YEAR TERM

MARJORIE S. MEUHLKE 1102 ELECTED

Write-ins:

Shirley Snow 1

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY – THREE YEAR TERM

TRACEY PETROZZI 875 ELECTED

PAULINE “POLLY” SANFACON 813 ELECTED

Write-ins:

Doug Lambert 3

Diane Mitton 2

Sue Greene 2

Sandy Hickock 2

Joe Hoffman 2

Nancy Campbell 2

Marshal Bishop 1

Linda Griffin 1

Steven Langithanos 1

K. Ackerstrom 1

Allan Whitney 1

Sandra McLaughlin 1

Roger Sawyer 1

Carolyn Smith 1

Polly Sanfacon 1

Judy Cott 1

BUDGET COMMITTEE – THREE YEAR TERM

DIANA G. GOODHUE 803 ELECTED

SEAN PATRICK MURPHY 809 ELECTED

WILLIAM H. PHILIPS 744 ELECTED

Write-ins:

Bob Brent 4

Shirley Burns 2

Joe Hoffman 2

Derek Tomlinson 2

Peter Sawyer 2

Allan Whitney 1

Mark Gangi 1

Mike Baron 1

Chris Ialvna 1

Andy Howe 1

Joanne McNulty 1

Doug Lambert 1

Dick Durkee 1

Jack Lyman 1

Greg Goddard 1
Everett McLaughlin 1
Robert Merwin 1
Gerna Magnusson 1
E. William Rohr 1
George Hurt 1
Frank Hurt 1
Dennis Thompson 1
Jeff Tidd 1
Dennis Corrigan 1
Diane Mitton 1

BUDGET COMMITTEE – TWO YEAR TERM

CONSTANCE A. GRANT 936 ELECTED

Write-ins:

Joe Hoffman 4
Joanne McNulty 2
Dick Durkee 1
Gregory Dickinson 1
Everett McLaughlin 1
Mark Gangi 1
John McGonagle 1
Derek Tomlinson 1
Diane Mitton 1
Doug Lambert 1

BUDGET COMMITTEE – ONE YEAR TERM

ROBERT BRENT 492 ELECTED

JOANNE MCNULTY 478

Write-ins:

Joe Hoffman 3
Everett McLaughlin 1
Derek Tomlinson 1
Alan Whitney 1
Rich Fernholz 1

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS – THREE YEAR TERM

WRITE INS:

GREGORY DICKINSON 10	TIE
GEORGE SAWYER 10	TIE
Joseph Hoffman 5	
Marcy Burleigh 4	
Wayne Snow 4	
Laurie Greenwood 3	

Sue Greene 3
Lorraine Royce 2
Everett McLaughlin 2
Joan Nelson 2
John McGonagle 2
Constance Alves 2
Peter Sawyer 1
Douglas Dade 1
Pauline Sanfacon 1
Sue Almond 1
Even Juris 1
Peter Sawyer 1
Doris Johnson 1
Derek Tomlinson 1
Shirley Snow 1
Ted McKean 1
Nancy Mawson 1
Barbara Carey 1
William Seed 1
Donna Royal 1
John Markland 1
Richard Shaw 1
Katherine Ewing 1
Michael Graham 1
Carol Johnson 1
Dennis Corrigan 1
Diane Mitton 1
Fred Wernig 1
Thomas Drever 1
Charles Clark 1
Ed Merski 1
Joan Veazey 1
Kathryn Aldridge 1
Greg Caufield 1
Marge Muehlke 1
Marcy Burleigh 1
Sally Paradise 1
Cynthia Kupetz 1
Don Onofrio 1
Lester Pleeter 1
Bill McLean 1
Karen Craver 1
Sandra McGonagle 1
Shelley Roche 1

Jeane Bergeron 1
G Marcoux 1
Carolyn Smith 1
Don Frost 1
Mike Barron 1
Douglas Hounsell 1
Paul Simoneau 1

ARTICLE 2. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Gilford on the second Tuesday of March? (By Petition)

YES 763 CARRIED

NO 464

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance, and Zoning Map as follows:

Amendment #1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by petition for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Gilford as requested by John and Sandra Rock, owners of the Arlberg Ski and Sports Shop at 720 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH, to change the zoning for said location from the current LR (Limited Residential) and NRR (Natural Resources Residential) zones to the RC (Resort Commercial) zone. The property is tax map and lot number 254-073.000. **The Planning Board recommends this amendment.**

YES 854 PASSED

NO 342

Amendment #2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend the Town of Gilford Zoning Ordinance by creating a new Special District (also known as an overlay zone) by creating a new Section 2.2.6, Business Park District, establishing the boundaries of the Business Park District as encompassing all of the Lakes Business Park, Phase II, located at 317 Gilford Avenue; and by creating a new Section 5.2.5, Business Park District, which establishes regulations for the new special district. This Section 5.2.5 allows building heights in the special district up to a maximum of sixty (60) feet, and allows a Medical Center (Sections 4.3.13 and 4.7.3(m)) as a use permitted by special exception in the special district if the use is located in a structure with at least 10,000 square feet of gross floor area.

YES 815 PASSED

NO 345

Amendment #3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend various parts of the Gilford Zoning Ordinance to create a new Senior Housing Ordinance as follows:

- a. Article 3, Definitions. Add a definition for Senior Housing which is “a residential development specifically designed for occupancy by at least one person 55 years of age or older, per unit, and developed according to the standards set forth in Section 11.4.7, Senior Housing.”
- b. Article 4, Permitted Uses and Regulations. Add a new land use, Section 4.2.10, Senior Housing, as a use that is permitted as a special exception in the SFR (Single Family Residential), LR (Limited Residential), PC (Professional Commercial), and RC (Resort Commercial) zones, and not permitted in any other zones.
- c. Section 4.7, Description of Permitted Uses. Add a new land use description, Senior Housing, under Section 4.7.2, Residential Uses, as item (j).
- d. Article 11, Special Exceptions. Add a new section for Senior Housing as Section 11.4.7. This new section provides regulations governing the development and design of senior housing developments. These provisions include allowing in the residential zones (SFR and LR zones) as many as twenty-eight (28) dwelling units per structure at a density of up to fifteen (15) dwelling units per acre; allowing in the non-residential zones (PC and RC zones) a density of up to twenty-four (24) dwelling units per acre with no limit on the number of units allowed per structure; requiring access to individual units from an internal driveway and not directly from a public road; requiring open space and recreational amenities with each project; requiring a mix of one- (1) and two- (2) bedroom units; specifying minimum parking requirements; limiting lot coverage to what is normally allowed in the zone; requiring fifty (50) feet of frontage or right-of-way width along a public road; in the residential zones (SFR and LR zones) requiring fifty (50) foot setbacks from all property lines; limiting the size of a senior housing development in the residential zones (SFR and LR zones) to a minimum of three (3) acres and a maximum of ten (10) acres; and other related regulations.

YES 726 PASSED

NO 386

Amendment # 4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 4, Permitted Uses, of the Gilford Zoning Ordinance, in various ways including the following:

- a. Allowing Section 4.3.3, Auto and Marine Light Repair Shop, as a permitted use in the Industrial zone; Section 4.3.7, Commercial Storage Facility, as a special exception in the Industrial zone; and Section 4.3.14.a., Motel/Hotel, as a special exception in the Professional Commercial zone;
- b. Creating new land uses including Section 4.4.6, Airport – Public, Section 4.4.7, Boat Storage, and Section 4.6.15, Airplane Hangar, and creating regulations and descriptions for said new land uses under Sections 4.7.4.(f), 4.7.4 (g), and 4.7.6 (o) respectively; establishing Section 4.4.6, Airport – Public, as a special exception in the Industrial zone and not permitted in any other zone; establishing Section 4.4.7, Boat Storage, as a special exception in the Resort Commercial and Commercial zones, a permitted use in the Industrial zone, and not permitted in any other zone; establishing Section 4.6.15, Airplane Hangar, as a permitted use in the Industrial zone and not permitted in any other zone;
- c. Deleting the Professional Commercial zone maximum floor area limitations established in Sections 4.7.3(p), Personal Service Shop, and 4.7.3(t), Restaurant, Public Assembly;
- d. Clarifying the wording in Section 4.7.3(q), Theater, to say that a theater is a movie house or a playhouse;
- e. Adding a sentence to Section 4.7.3(r), Radio and Television Tower, that waives the requirement for further Zoning Board of Adjustment review when antennas are added to a previously approved radio or television antenna tower under certain circumstances such as when the added antenna will not increase the tower’s overall height;
- f. Clarifying Section 4.7.3(t), Restaurant, Public Assembly, as a use established for consumption of food and beverages primarily inside a building; and
- g. Other minor changes.

YES 756 PASSED

NO 386

Amendment #5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 5, Dimensional Regulations, in various ways including the following:

- a. Amending Section 5.1.1(b) to increase the maximum slope of land allowed in the calculation of buildable lot area from fifteen (15) percent to twenty-five (25) percent; to add wording to allow the Planning Board to determine that prime agricultural land or agricultural land of statewide importance may be included in the calculation of buildable lot area if the parcel's size, location, or adjoining uses make it impractical for agricultural use; and to delete the prohibition of building on areas not comprising the buildable lot area;
- b. Amending Section 5.2.1, Island and Shore Frontage District, by adding a new paragraph (g) which is an exception enabling the Planning Board to allow a reduced buffer or setback along the water bodies affected by Section 5.2.1 if the Planning Board finds that the reduced buffer or setback will not result in an increase in degradation of the affected water body, the reduced buffer or setback is in the public interest, and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has approved a plan showing the reduced buffer or setback where such an approval from NHDES is required;
- c.. Amending Section 5.3.1, Building Heights, to raise the maximum building height allowed in the Professional Commercial and Industrial zones from thirty-five (35) feet to forty-eight (48) feet unless restricted in the Airport District or allowed to be higher in the Business Park District; and

Other minor changes.

YES 500

NO 692 DEFEATED

Amendment #6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 11.4.6(c)(9) by deleting the requirement for Multiple Family Developments to be connected to a public sewer system and thereby allowing them to be served by a septic system.

YES 509

NO 684 DEFEATED

Amendment #7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend the opening paragraph of Article 7, Off-Street Parking, by adding a sentence that will enable the Planning Board to determine an appropriate parking ratio, after making proper findings, if a use is proposed for which no specific parking ratio is already established in this article.

YES 848 PASSED

NO 315

Amendment #8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 3, Definitions, by deleting the existing definition of “Building Height”; inserting a new definition of “Building Height” to read “the vertical dimension of a building measured from the elevation of the foundation sill (where the first floor meets the foundation) to the highest elevation of the roof.”; and deleting the existing term “Height of Building” and its definition.

YES 860 PASSED

NO 294

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman

Town Clerk-Tax Collector

TOWN OF GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
RECESSED TOWN MEETING
MARCH 10, 2004

The recessed town meeting began with Moderator, Peter V. Millham in the chair at 7 p.m. at the Gilford High School auditorium. There were approximately 700 voters present at the start of the meeting. The Moderator opened the meeting with the Pledge to the flag and welcomed everyone to the last Town Meeting as SB 2 passed by ballot the previous day. He read the results of voting from the previous day for both the town and school district elections. The Moderator explained that the microphones were on a stand in two aisles and asked voters wish to speak to stand behind the microphone.

The Moderator explained the general rules by which the meeting would be conducted and cautioned those present about personal attacks. He explained that the first article of business is a bond issue and that it would be a ballot vote and the polls would remain open for one hour. He explained that he requested School District Moderator, John Cameron to conduct the meeting on article 4 and 12 as Mr. Millham is legal representative to the Bacons who have contracted to sell the land to the town.

After a few public service announcements, Joseph Hoffman asked to be recognized. He read from a prepared statement and requested that Moderator Millham step down. Mr. Millham explained that the body has elected him to do a job and he will continue to do it.

The Moderator then turned the meeting over to School District Moderator, John Cameron. Mr. Cameron recognized Dale Dormody who made a motion to act on article 12 out of order after article 4. It was seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator motion carried.

Moderator read Article 4 as follows:

ARTICLE 4. *“Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee.”*

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,597,204 for the construction, furnishings, equipment and landscaping of a new Public Library, and to authorize the issuance of \$2,247,204 of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; with \$350,500 to be raised by private donations.

(Recommended by the Selectmen. Not recommended by the Budget Committee)

Polly Sanfacon moved article 4 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded. Budget Committee Chairman, Derek Tomlinson explained the Budget Committee's reasoning for not recommending the article. A formal presentation was done by Polly Sanfacon, Dave Buckman and Jean Clarke.

Dick Durkee spoke in opposition. Don Onofrio requested cost of maintenance, heating, lighting and staffing. Lisa Charest provided information. Joseph Hoffman asked a question relating to the land purchase and was told that was a different article. Bill Rohr spoke in opposition. Doug Lambert spoke in opposition. Everett Oeschlaeger spoke in favor. Katherine Dormody spoke in support of the Library and explained their function in the community. A resident explained the difficulty of a handicapped person trying to use the library facilities. Polly Sanfacon spoke in favor and explained how other town planning functions indicated a need for a library facility. Gary DiMartino explained his visits and research of other NH libraries and spoke in favor of the article. Georgie Johnson asked if it is planned to be a wood structure. Randy Remick of BPS explained the structure. Don Onofrio again posed his maintenance cost question of Mr. Remick. Lisa Charest provided additional information. There being no further discussion, the Moderator opened the polls for voting at 8:25 p.m. At 9:15 the Moderator warned that the meeting would be called back to order in approximately 18 minutes.

The meeting was called back to order when most everyone in the room had an opportunity to cast their ballot, but the polls remained open. (Results of voting: See end of article 7)

Moderator Cameron read Article 12 as follows:

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase a 3-acre parcel of land at 31 Potter Hill Road for the sum of \$150,000 to build a new Public Library, and to raise and appropriate that sum as follows: \$100,000 is to be withdrawn from the Library Capital Reserve Fund, \$40,000 is to be raised by private donations, and \$10,000 has already been raised by the 2003 Town Meeting, when it authorized the withdrawal of that sum from the Library Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Budget Committee Chairman, Derek Tomlinson moved article 12 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded. The Board of Selectmen indicated their support for the article. Derek Tomlinson indicated that

the Budget Committee also supported the article unanimously. Joseph Hoffman questioned the assessment of the property vs. the purchase price and explained how that impacts the neighborhood. Joseph Hoffman asked who determined the market value. Lisa Charest explained the appraisals that have been done. Mr. Hoffman pursued the question and the Moderator indicated to him that his question had been answered. Dave Buckman spoke in favor.

Polly Sanfacon offered information to Joseph Hoffman’s question on who negotiated contract.

At this point the question was moved. It was seconded. Voice vote indicated all in favor of moving the question.

Moderator Cameron read the article again. He called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the he declared the article carried.

Moderator, Peter Millham read article 5 as follows:

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,832,724 for the following General Government expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4130	Executive Expenses (Selectmen, Town Officers’ & Budget Comm. Expenses)	\$ 406,616
4140	Election, Registration & Vital Stats	194,603
4150	Financial Administration	142,295
4152	Appraisal Expenses	159,234
4153	Legal Expenses	50,000
4155	Personnel Administration	1,350,680
4191	Planning & Zoning	195,042
4194	General Government Buildings (includes Island Support)	248,984
4195	Cemeteries	4,700
4196	Insurance	73,000
4197	Lakes Region Planning Commission	7,570

Budget Committee Chairman, Derek Tomlinson moved article 5 as read by the Moderator. Selectman, Alice Boucher seconded the motion.

The Moderator then declared the polls closed for voting on Article 4 at 8:30 p.m. and authorized Assistant Moderator, Wayne Snow and others to continue with the vote tally.

Derek Tomlinson explained Article 5 to, which included a 2.2% COLA, a possible 3% merit for town employees and a new part time

position for the Office of Town Clerk-Tax Collector.

Joseph Hoffman stated that he wished to strike account 4152 from the article and explained his concerns regarding the Appraisal Dept. The Moderator asked him to clarify if he was making a motion. When it was confirmed, the Moderator asked Mr. Hoffman to put his amendment in writing. The Moderator then announced that Mr. Hoffman wished to make a motion to amend \$159,234 from article 5. It was seconded and he asked what are we spending this money for?

Town Administrator, Phil Arel explained the money is for the operation of the Appraisal Office, which includes the contract with Corcoran Associates. John Goodhue asked the amount of the contract and Phil replied. Joseph Hoffman discussed the law requiring Appraisers to be certified.

There being no further discussion on the amendment. The Moderator called for the vote on the amendment. It was in the negative and the Moderator declared the amendment defeated.

Doug Lambert expressed his concern regarding new town hires. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 6 as follows:

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,203,165 for the following Public Safety expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4210	General Operations - Police	\$1,235,047
4220	General Operations - Fire	915,168
4290.1	Emergency Management	8,386
4299.2	Youth Services Bureau	44,564

Budget Committee Chairman, Derek Tomlinson moved article 6 as read by the Moderator. Selectman, Alice Boucher seconded the motion. Derek Tomlinson explained the details of the article. Doug Lambert asked if there was any facility planning money appropriated in this article. Derek explained there was none and that it had been carried over from last year. The Moderator read the article again, and called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 7 as follows:

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,332,367 for the following Public Works expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4311	DPW Administration	\$ 113,621
4312	Highways & Streets	784,275
4313	Bridges	287,000
4316	Street Lighting	17,000
4319	Vehicle Maintenance	150,115
4324	Solid Waste Management	447,801
4326	Sewer Department	514,072
4330	Laconia Water Works	18,483

Budget Committee Chairman, Derek Tomlinson moved article 7 as read by the Moderator. Selectman, Kinney O’Rourke seconded the motion. Dave Horvath pointed out that the total as read was not consistent with the amount in the warrant. Bill Rohr asked the Moderator to clarify.

The Moderator asked the mover and seconder to verify the total sum to be appropriated. It was agreed by both that the total should be \$2,332,367.

Mary Helen asked about bridge and solid waste expense and Director of Public Works, Sheldon Morgan explained. Doug Lambert asked about which roads would be repaired and improved by this budget and Sheldon Morgan explained. Joseph Hoffman asked if solid waste is put out to bid and Sheldon Morgan explained the process and contracts involved. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

At this Point, Moderator John Cameron provided the vote on Article 4. The results were 662 votes cast. Passage of article 4 required 441. There were 395 yes votes and 267 no votes. He declared that article 4 was defeated.

The Moderator read article 8 as follows:

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 104,148 for the following Health & Welfare expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4414	Animal Control	\$ 5,400
4419	Health Agencies	43,248
4441	Welfare Administration & General Assistance	55,500

Budget Committee Chairman, Derek Tomlinson moved article 8 as read by the Moderator. Selectman, Dennis Doten seconded the motion. Don Onofrio asked about the Budget Committee recommendation. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 9 as follows:

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$425,146 for the following Culture, Recreation & Conservation expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4520.1	Parks & Recreation	\$ 162,735
4520.6	Skating Rink	7,700
4550	Library	235,381
4583	Patriotic Purposes	8,100
4589	Thompson Ames Historic Society	10,000
4611	Conservation Commission	1,230

Budget Committee Chairman, Derek Tomlinson moved article 9 as read by the Moderator. Selectman, Alice Boucher seconded the motion. Richard Sonia asked about Cultural expenses.

Doug Lambert congratulated the Parks and Recreation Commission for holding their budget to one percent and expressed his opposition to providing tax dollars to the Thompson Ames Society. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 10 as follows:

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 603,754 for the following Debt Service and other miscellaneous expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4711.2	Principal - Long-term Bonds	\$ 585,320
4721.2	Interest - Long-term Bonds	18,432
4723.2	Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	1
4939.2	Laconia Airport Authority	1

Derek Tomlinson, Budget Committee Chairman moved that \$603,754 be appropriated as read by the Moderator. It was seconded by Selectman, Kinney O'Rourke. Selectman O'Rourke then moved to amend the article to increase it by \$9,999 for the Laconia Airport Authority to a total of \$613,753. It was seconded.

Selectman Dennis Doten explained the amendment and that it was part of the airport improvement plan. Budget Committee Chairman, Derek Tomlinson explained that the amount was not approved by a vote of the Budget Committee. Russell Dumais spoke in favor of the amendment. Jack Stephenson spoke in favor of the amendment. Dick Hickok spoke in opposition to the amendment. Evans Juris spoke in favor of the amendment. Pat Labonte spoke in opposition to the amendment. Another gentleman spoke in favor. Leo Sanfacon gave an explanation to questions previously posed by Pat Labonte. Selectman, Kinney O'Rourke spoke in favor. Don Onofrio asked for a clarification and it was given by Russell Dumais. There being no further discussion on the amendment, the Moderator reread the amendment. He called for a voice vote. The Moderator questioning the voice vote asked for a show of hands. He then declared the amendment carried.

The Moderator then read article 10 as amended. There was no further discussion. The Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 11 as follows:

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$942,786 for the following Capital Purchases:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	
	Capital Improvements – Police	64,000
	Capital Improvements – Fire	135,869
	Capitol Improvements – Ambulance	14,417

Improvements Other Than Buildings	
Highway Reconstruction	600,000
Signalization Project	100,000

Budget Committee Chairman, Derek Tomlinson moved article 11 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded by Selectman, Dennis Doten. Derek Tomlinson explained the detail of the article. Director of Public Works, Sheldon Morgan explained the specific roads included in the article.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 13 as follows:

ARTICLE 13 (By petition of Joseph Hoffman and others) “To see if the Town will vote a one (1) year moratorium on the development of the Lakes Region Business Park pending the assessment of community and regional development as per RSA 674:22”

Joseph Hoffman moved article 13. Doug Lambert seconded the motion. Mr. Hoffman explained his reason for submitting the petitioned article and made reference to an appropriation. Moderator Peter Millham explained that this article does not include any appropriation. Doug Lambert expressed his concern with the Elks Club purchasing land at the Business Park in Laconia and his opposition to this article. Leo Sanfacon explained the status of the Business Park and confirmed the committee’s intention to go forward. Tim Sullivan spoke in favor of article and explained that he has a residence near the entrance. Mr. Hoffman asked about the division of revenue.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator read the article again. He called for the vote. It was in the negative and he declared the article defeated.

The Moderator read article 14 as follows:

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:28 to increase the amount of the optional Veteran’s Tax Credit from \$100 to \$500. (Note: Passage of this article will result in a fiscal impact of \$198,400 per year, based on present recipients)

Selectman, Kinney O’Rourke moved article 14. Selectman, Alice Boucher seconded the motion.

A gentleman stated that he would rather give up his Veterans Tax

Credit and donate it toward Article 17. The Moderator stated that he could just not apply for the tax credit and make a contribution. Bob Jordan explained the history of the tax credit and spoke in favor of the article.

Bill Rohr spoke in favor. Dick Campbell spoke in opposition. Leo Sanfacon spoke in opposition. Charles Clark spoke in favor.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator read the article again. He called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 15 as follows:

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:29-a to increase the amount of the property tax credit for surviving spouses of persons killed while on active duty in the armed forces in the wars, conflicts or armed conflicts, or combat zones as set forth in RSA 72:28, from \$1,400 to \$2,000. (Note: Passage of this article will result in no fiscal impact, based on present recipients)

Selectman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 15. It was seconded by Selectman, Alice Boucher.

Selectman Boucher then explained that there is no one currently in Gilford that qualifies for this exemption. There was no discussion. The Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 16 as follows:

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:35 to increase the amount of the optional property tax credit for persons with a Service-Connected Total disability from \$1,400 to \$2,000. (Note: Passage of this article will result in a fiscal impact of \$5,400 per year, based on present recipients)

Selectman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 16. It was seconded by Selectman Alice Boucher. Selectman Boucher then explained that there are nine property owners presently eligible for this exemption. There being no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 17 as follows:

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$175,000 towards the purchase of 236 acres and development restrictions on 30 acres of the former Arthur Weeks Farm (Map 238, Lot 5) by the Conservation Commission. (Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Budget Committee Chairman, Derek Tomlinson moved article 17 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded by Selectman, Dennis Doten. Sandra McGonagle made a motion to amend the article from \$175,000 to \$276,000. It was seconded. Doug Hill was recognized and made a presentation about the property. Moderator Millham asked about the property that is being retained. Doug Hill explained in response to Joseph Hoffman the location of the 30 acres in the article. John Rogers spoke in favor. Budget Committee Chairman, Derek Tomlinson explained that the Budget Committee was unanimously in favor of the article. Everett McLaughlin wanted to thank the people who have donated toward this project. Doug Lambert spoke in favor of the amendment. There being no further discussion on the amendment, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the amendment carried.

Dick Campbell suggested that the vote on the article should be a hand vote. The Moderator indicated that the vote might be a clear voice vote. The Moderator then read the article as amended. He called for a voice vote. The voice vote was clear and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 18 as follows:

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to convey conservation easements to the Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests, on the 144 acre tract designated as the Wilson-Weeks Town Forest (Map 227, Lot 132) and on approximately 236 acres adjoining land (part of Map 238, Lot 5) proposed for acquisition through the Conservation Commission from Stephen E. Weeks.

Sandra McGonagle moved article 18 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded by Doug Hill.

Sandra McGonagle explained the article, the contribution being made by the Society and spoke in favor of the article. Wayne Burgess spoke in opposition. The Moderator further explained the article. Town Administrator, Phil Arel explained the contribution being made by the society and the importance of it toward the project. Ned Therrien spoke regarding the Society. Wayne Burgess again expressed his concern. Gary Allen spoke in favor of the article. Sandra McGonagle again stated her support for the article. Hal Bush spoke in favor of the Society.

Don Onofrio stated he wished to amend the article to revert it to more study. The Moderator clarified that Mr. Onofrio wished to amend the article and Mr. Onofrio indicated that it was his intention to buy the forest and then take the time to discuss and study whether to turn management of the study over to the Society. The Moderator asked if

there was a second to the amendment. There was no second.

Doug Hill explained the amount of money to be appropriated, the Conservation Fund dollars and private donations and support from the Society. Wayne Burgess expressed his concern about future timber cutting. Wayne Domin expressed his support for the article and thanks to Steve Weeks. Neil Flaherty spoke in opposition.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator read the article again. He called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 19 as follows:

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a capital improvement program committee, pursuant to RSA 674:5, to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least six years. The sole purpose and effect of the capital improvements program shall be to aid the selectmen and the budget committee in their consideration of the annual budget.

Polly Sanfacon moved article 19 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded by John Ayer. Polly Sanfacon explained the statutory authority for the committee. Bob Jordon spoke in opposition and stated this was a subfunction of the Planning Board. Town Administrator, Phil Arel explained that the statutory language is in the article. There being no further discussion, the Moderator reread the article. He called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 20 as follows:

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell approximately 30 acres of land located near the intersection of Belknap Mountain Road and Durrell Mountain Road, on terms and conditions to be determined by the Selectmen. The proposed parcel is a portion of a larger 137-acre tract (Map 232, Lot 2), purchased by the Town from Foster Peverly in 1985. It is a former gravel pit which needs to be reclaimed, and which will have to be subdivided from the rest of the tract at the expense of the purchasers.

Selectman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 20 as read by the Moderator. Selectman, Alice Boucher seconded the motion. Town Administrator, Phil Arel explained the desire to relieve the town of an attractive nuisance and legal liability. He further explained the abutter's intent for improvements. Joseph Hoffman spoke in opposition. Wayne Burgess moved to amend the article to state "said sale will be negotiated

with a 50 foot right of way to the remaining town property through the portion being conveyed”. He explained this was necessary in case of future timbering. It was seconded.

Town Administrator, Phil Arel explained that the remainder of the property would be accessible. Selectman, Kinney O’Rourke explained that the amendment might put a limitation on the sale. Wayne Burgess explained his concern about any timbering operation.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator read the amendment. He called for the vote. It was in the negative and he declared the amendment defeated.

There being no further discussion on the article, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 21 as follows:

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue Blaisdell Avenue as a public highway southerly of a line shown as its southerly terminus at a set of double iron pipes shown on a plan entitled “Lot Merger Plan Involving Properties Owned By Gerald Realty Limited Partnership and James R. Irwin & Sons, Inc. and Martin’s Foods of South Burlington, Inc.” dated December 9, 2003, and revised February 13, 2004, on file at the Town Hall and to be recorded in the Belknap County Registry of Deeds; and further, to discontinue that portion of Blaisdell Avenue, labeled as “Parcel ‘F’, Temporary Easement for Cul-De-Sac” on a plan entitled “Boundary Line Adjustments & Relocation Plan, Blaisdell Ave., June 12, 1999” also on file at the Town Hall.

Selectman, Dennis Doten moved article 21 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded by Selectman, Alice Boucher. Town Administrator, Phil Arel explained that this is a housekeeping article and what will be accomplished by the passage of the article. There was no discussion. The Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read Article 22 as follows:

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to convey to an abutter, on terms and conditions to be determined by the Selectmen, the Town’s interest in a small triangle of land (approximately 2,800 sq.feet) adjacent to Longridge Drive. This area was originally reserved for a possible turn-around, which is no longer necessary.

Selectman, Alice Boucher moved article 22 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded by Selectman, Kinney O’Rourke. Town Administrator, Phil Arel disclosed that he lives on Longridge Drive and

he is not the person who will benefit from the transfer. He explained how the triangle was originally created and advised turning it over to the abutter. There was no further discussion. The Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 23 as follows:

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to amend the “Ordinance Relating to Noise Control” by adding the following:

2(c). No demolition, excavation or construction activities, which generate noise detectable beyond the boundaries of the property on which it is being conducted, shall be permitted before 7:00 a.m., or after 7:00 p.m., except when it involves activities by employees or agents of a public body, in an emergency situation.

Selectman, Kinney O’Rourke moved article 23 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded by Selectman, Dennis Doten. Selectman Doten explained that the Board had held a hearing on noise and considered advice from the Police and town counsel.

Sue Leach asked if there was still a noise ordinance on the books from the 1980’s. Town Administrator, Phil Arel noted it has been gone for some time. Jeff Bonan moved to amend the 7 p.m. hour to 9 p.m. and expressed his concern about people doing improvements to their property. It was seconded. Mary Helen expressed her concern about the village tennis and basketball courts being used after dark and expressed her support for the amendment. ue Leach expressed her concern for contractors. Gail DiGangi expressed her concern regarding noise at Meadowbrook. Greg Goddard expressed his concern about the ordinance and how it relates to Guntock and grooming of trails at night. Selectman Kinney O’Rourke made a motion to table. It was seconded. The Moderator stated the motion was not debatable. He called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article tabled.

There being no further business to come before the meeting the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at midnight.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

**2004
Financial
Reports**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the Town of Gilford, N.H. in Belknap County
for the Fiscal Year Ended in December 31, 2004

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Alice H. Boucher, Chairman

Kinney O'Rourke

Dennis J. Doten

Board of Selectmen

Gregory Dickinson

Town Treasurer

SUMMARY OF REVENUES
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2004

	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
TAXES:			
Land Use Change Tax	50,000	33,798	16,202
Yield Tax	20,000	21,043	-1,043
Excavation Tax	50	23	27
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	6,500	6,587	-87
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	100,748	132,120	-31,372
LICENSES, PERMITS, & FEES:			
Business Licenses	58,020	58,068	-48
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,618,600	1,634,208	-15,608
Building Permits	39,960	59,055	-19,095
Other Licenses and Permits	6,450	7,419	-969
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Federal Police Grants	3,336	3,336	0
FROM STATE OF NH:			
State Revenue Sharing	38,171	86,370	-48,199
Rooms & Meals Distribution	238,450	238,450	0
Highway Block Grant	181,501	181,501	0
Water Pollution Grant	32,039	3,239	28,800
Forest Land Reimbursement	1,229	1,229	0
Other State Grant Funds	237,763	257,262	-19,499
INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS:			
Administrative Offices	13,446	24,576	-11,130
Town Clerk's Office	8,420	8,569	-149
Police Department	125,200	107,104	18,096
Fire Department	119,008	176,795	-57,787
Parks & Recreation	22,936	22,843	93
Planning & Land Use	14,704	24,842	-10,138
Public Works	400	426	-26
Solid Waste	89,600	107,723	-18,123
Sewer Department	514,072	514,072	0
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE:			
Special Assessments	11,018	11,018	0
Sale of Town Property	50,369	52,569	-2,200
Interest on Investments	30,000	23,131	6,869
Rents of Town Property	4,500	5,114	-614
Insurance Dividends	0	0	0
Other Sources	40,000	41,900	-1,900
Reimbursements	600	606	-6
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN:			
From Sewer Assessment Fund	91,000	91,000	0
From Capital Reserve	100,000	100,000	0
From Capital Projects	0		0
SUBTOTAL REVENUE:	3,868,090	4,035,995	-167,905
Applied Fund Balance	250,000	250,000	0
TOTAL REVENUE:	4,118,090	4,285,995	

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

1-Apr-04

Land:

Current Use	1,111,291	
Conservation Assessments	0	
Residential	563,246,009	
Commercial/Industrial	<u>42,774,050</u>	
Total Land:		607,131,350

Buildings:

Residential	661,671,900	
Manufactured Housing	18,842,500	
Commercial/Industrial	<u>71,871,600</u>	
Total Buildings:		752,386,000

Public Utilities:

Gas	410,700	
Electric	<u>5,603,000</u>	
Total Utilities:		<u>6,013,700</u>

Total valuation before exemptions: 1,365,531,050

Blind Exemption	75,000	
Elderly Exemption	5,284,400	
Disabled Exemption	<u>229,600</u>	
Less Total Exemptions:		<u>5,589,000</u>

Net Town Valuation: 1,359,942,050

TAX RATE COMPUTATION 2004

Town Portion

Appropriations	9,880,089	
Less: Revenues	3,979,996	
Less: Shared Revenues	38,631	
Add: Overlay	92,805	
Add: War Service Credits	275,750	
Net Town Appropriation		6,230,017
Municipal Tax Rate:		4.58

School Portion

Net Local School Budget	15,207,837	
Less: Adequate Education Grant	608,080	
Less: State Education Taxes	3,667,049	
Approved School Tax Effort		10,932,708
Local School Tax Rate		8.04

State Education Taxes

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x	3.33	
1,101,215,995		3,667,049
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		1,353,928,350
State Education Tax Rate		2.71
Excess State Education tax to be remitted to State	0	

County Portion

Due to County	1,820,132	
Less: Shared Revenues	9,568	
Approved County Tax Effort		1,810,564
County Tax Rate		1.33

Combined Tax Rate

Total Property Taxes Assessed	22,640,338	
Less: War Service Credits	275,750	
Add: Village District Commitment	48,843	
Total Property Tax Commitment		22,413,431
Combined Tax Rate		16.66

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS 2004

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Executive	373,756
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	166,648
Financial Administration	343,430
Revaluation of Property	119,883
Legal Expense	50,000
Personnel Administration	1,104,479
Planning & Zoning	177,420
General Government Buildings	261,985
Cemeteries	3,650
Insurance	68,800
Regional Associations	7,532

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police	1,058,750
Ambulance	63,200
Fire	695,230
Emergency Management	5,065
Other Public Safety	39,777

PUBLIC WORKS:

Highways and Streets	699,304
Street Lighting	17,000
Administration	94,840
Bridges	2,500
Vehicle Maintenance	151,828
Solid Waste Disposal	369,320
Sewer Collection and Disposal	513,041
Laconia Water Works	17,054

PUBLIC HEALTH:

Animal Control	4,300
Health Agencies & Hospitals	32,186
Welfare Administration	500
Direct Assistance	60,000

CULTURE & RECREATION:

Parks & Recreation	140,918
Skating Rink	7,510
Library	182,720
Patriotic Purposes	6,075
Other Culture & Recreation	10,000

CONSERVATION:	
Conservation Commission	7,552
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:	
Economic Development	1
DEBT SERVICE:	
Principal Payments	270,529
Interest Payments	90,147
Tax Anticipation Note Interest	25,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY:	
Land & Improvements	0
Machinery, Vehicles, & Equipment	663,848
Buildings	6,850
Other Capital Projects	355,999
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT:	
To Capital Reserve Funds	75,000
To Other Governments	1
Sewer Extension Project	3,000,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	11,343,628

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2004

	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
4130 EXECUTIVE EXPENSES			
Elected Officials	71,838	72,829	-991
Administration	311,528	309,484	2,044
Boards & Commissions	750	52	698
Other	22,500	16,666	5,834
Total Executive	406,616	399,030	7,586
4140 ELECTION, REGISTRATION, VITALS			
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	175,203	149,176	26,027
Election & Registration	19,400	16,246	3,154
Total Election, Registration, Vitals	194,603	165,422	29,181
4150 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION			
Audit	12,000	11,500	500
Information Systems	130,295	128,650	1,645
Total Financial Administration	142,295	140,150	2,145
4152 REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	159,234	132,144	27,090
4153 LEGAL EXPENSES	50,000	91,532	-41,532
4155 PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION			
Taxes	184,862	174,189	10,673
Retirement	176,997	267,472	-90,475
Employee Insurances	988,821	1,123,497	-134,676
Total Personnel Administration	1,350,680	1,565,159	-214,479
4191 PLANNING & ZONING	195,042	182,850	12,192
4194 GENERAL GOVERNMENT BLDGS	248,984	249,019	-35
4195 CARE OF CEMETERIES	4,700	3,854	846
4196 TOWN INSURANCE	73,000	73,881	-881
4197 REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS	7,570	7,570	0
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,832,724	3,010,611	-177,887
4200 PUBLIC SAFETY			0
Police Department	1,235,047	1,219,003	16,044
Fire Department	915,168	897,885	17,283
Emergency Management	8,386		0
Other Public Safety	44,564	38,461	6,103
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	2,203,165	2,163,735	39,430
4310 HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			0
Administration	113,621	108,322	5,299
Highway Department	784,275	583,086	201,189
Bridges	287,000	234,052	52,948
Street Lighting	17,000	16,415	585
Vehicle Maintenance	150,115	139,346	10,769
Total Highways & Streets	1,352,011	1,081,221	270,790
4320 SANITATION			0
Solid Waste	447,801	384,202	63,599
Sewer Department	514,072	467,945	46,127
Total Sanitation	961,873	852,147	109,726
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	2,313,884	1,933,369	380,515
4400 HEALTH AND WELFARE			0
Animal Control	5,400	5,730	-330
Health Services	43,248	43,248	0
Welfare Assistance	55,500	61,704	-6,204
TOTAL HEALTH AND WELFARE	104,148	110,682	-6,534

4520	CULTURE AND RECREATION			0
	Parks & Recreation	162,735	154,440	8,295
	Skating Rink	7,700	7,199	501
	Library	235,381	233,238	2,143
	Patriotic Puposes	8,100	8,105	-5
	Other Culture & Recreation	10,000	10,000	0
	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	423,916	412,982	10,934
4610	CONSERVATION	1,230	593	637
4700	DEBT SERVICE			0
	Principal - Long Term Bonds	585,320	540,305	45,015
	Interest - Long Term Bonds	18,432	85,080	-66,648
	Interest - TAN's	1	5,001	-5,000
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	603,753	630,385	-26,632
4900	CAPITAL OUTLAY			
	Land & Improvements	426,000	416,000	10,000
	Machinery, Vehicles, Equipment	242,786	183,484	59,302
	Other Improvments	700,000	712,443	-12,443
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,368,786	1,311,927	56,859
4939	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			
	Laconia Water Works	18,483	18,483	0
	Laconia Airport Authority	10,000	10,000	0
	TOTAL OPERATING TRANSFERS	28,483	28,483	0
				0
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	9,880,089	9,602,767	277,322
	OTHER DISBURSEMENTS			
	Gilford School District	15,515,685		
	Belknap County Taxes	1,820,132		
	Gunstock Village Water District	171,545		
	TOTAL	17,507,362		

**TOWN OF GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SUMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004**

DR	2003	2002	2001	2000	PRIOR YRS
Unredeemed Tax Liens	\$192,765.93	\$108,265.30	\$15,525.29	\$11,073.65	
Liens Executed					
During Year	\$241,144.07				
Interest & Costs					
Collected -	<u>2,036.49</u>	<u>13,124.04</u>	<u>30,599.35</u>	<u>1,282.71</u>	<u>7,919.34</u>
Total Debits	\$243,180.56	\$205,889.97	\$138,864.65	\$16,808.00	\$18,992.99
CR					
Remitted to Treasurer	\$69,955.91	\$ 85,238.45	\$ 89,023.10	\$ 2,246.97	\$ 6,833.89
Interest & Costs					
Collected	2,036.49	13,124.04	30,599.35	1,282.71	7,919.34
Abatements	150.34	12,884.90	13,858.95	12,730.12	4,239.76
Liens Deeded to Town	7,415.67	6,085.51	4,653.56		
Uncollected					
Liens 12/31/04	<u>163,622.15</u>	<u>88,557.07</u>	<u>729.69</u>		<u>548.20</u>
-					
Total Credits	\$243,180.56	\$205,889.97	\$138,864.65	\$16,808.00	\$18,992.99

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman, MMC
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

**TOWN OF GILFORD TAX COLLECTORS MS-61 REPORT
YEAR END
2004**

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes	Levy of 2004	Levy of 2003	Levy of 2002	Prior Years
Property Tax		\$1,255,288.03		\$2,696.00
Gunstock Acres Water		\$14,684.19	\$331.00	\$662.00
03 Betterment		\$14,163.37		
Sewer Use		\$28,730.36		\$17.62
Taxes Committed				
Property Tax	\$22,465,661.00	\$14,325.00		
Sewer	\$337,696.39	\$103,011.73		
Yield Tax	\$8,758.11	\$12,284.44		
Current Use	\$19,598.00	\$11,000.00		
Capital Cost	\$115,172.00			
Cherry Valley	\$7,560.00			
Lockes Hill	\$3,458.00			
Ga Water	\$150,040.00			
Excavation	21.18	\$2.00		
Interest/Cost Collected	\$82,512.36	\$57,149.71		
Total Debits	\$23,190,477.04	\$1,510,638.83	\$331.00	\$3,375.62

TOWN OF GILFORD TAX COLLECTORS MS-61 REPORT

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer	Levy or 2004	Levy of 2003	Levy of 2002	Prior Years
Property Tax	\$20,828,717.96	\$1,231,379.95		
Gunstock Acres Water	\$135,475.43	\$13,845.86		
03 Betterment		\$14,151.55		
Sewer	\$308,504.04	\$130,762.26		
Current Use	\$19,378.00	\$11,000.00		
Yield Tax	\$8,758.11	\$12284.44		
Excavation	\$21.18	\$2.00		
Capital Cost	\$96,498.14			
Cherry Valley	\$6,510.00			
Lockes Hill	\$2,717.00			
Abatements				
Property	\$14,577.37	\$37,789.80		
Sewer	\$2,295.83	\$780.96		
Ga Water	\$960.00	\$83.33		
Capital Cost	\$1,034.00			
Deeded to town				
Capital Cost	\$164.00			
Property Tax	\$7,577.00			
Interest/Cost Collected	\$82,512.36	\$57,149.71		
Uncollected Taxes as of 12/31/04				
Property Tax	\$1,614,788.67	\$443.28		\$2,696.00
Gunstock				
Acres Water	\$13,604.57	\$755.00	\$331.00	\$662.00
Betterment		\$11.82		\$17.62
Sewer Use	\$26,896.52	\$198.87		
Yield				
Cherry Valley	\$1,050.00			
Capital Cost	\$17,475.86			
Lockes Hill	\$741.00			
Current Use	\$220.00			
Total Credits	\$23,190,477.04	\$1,510,638.83	\$331.00	\$3,375.62

Respectfully Submitted
Debra E. Eastman, MMC

**TOWN OF GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004**

General Revenues Received:		
10,864	Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$1,519,986.75
1,402	Dog Licenses Issued	9,166.50
	Boat Permit Fees & Reports	104,291.08
989	Copies of Records	861.05
26	Bad Check Penalties Collected	650.50
3	Town Pins	9.00
40	Pistol Permits	600.00
265	Fines	13,145.00
500	Beach Admissions	1,000.00
4	Glendale Commercial Pass	4,000.00
3	Voter Checklists	45.00
7	Postage Reimbursement	119.87
141	Glendale Guest Passes Sold	3,530.00
3	Miscellaneous Fees	195.00
82	Mail-in Registration Fees	<u>121.50</u>
	Total General Revenues	\$1,657,721.25

Town Clerk Fees Remitted to the Town:

2,211	Titles Processed	\$ 4,419.00
40	Financing & Termination Statements	3,558.00
26	Marriage Licenses	1,317.00
99	Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates Issued	1,225.00
10,032	Municipal Agent Fees	25,080.00
60	Wetlands Applications	902.00
8	Filings Fees	<u>14.00</u>

Total Town Clerk Fees Remitted	<u>\$ 36,515.00</u>
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TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER	\$1,694,236.25
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Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman, MMC
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

Fiscal Year End December 31, 2004

General Fund:

Cash on hand 1/1/2004	6,884,939
Total Receipts	28,904,443
Less Selectmen's orders paid	<u>28,358,391</u>
Cash on hand 12/31/2004	<u><u>\$7,430,991</u></u>

Conservation Fund:

Cash on hand 1/1/2004	111,007.23
Total Receipts	14,438.92
Less Selectmen's orders paid	<u>0.00</u>
Cash on hand 12/31/2004	<u><u>\$125,446.15</u></u>

Sewer Capital Cost Fund:

Cash on hand 1/1/2004	101,808.93
Total Receipts	195.42
Less Selectmen's orders paid	<u>0.00</u>
Cash on hand 12/31/2004	<u><u>\$102,004.35</u></u>

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GILFORD ON DECEMBER 31, 2004

Created	Name of Trust Fund	Invested	Principal	New	Withdrawals	Principal	Income	Income	Expended	Income	Total
Various	Common	Laconia Savings	\$137,239.24	Trusts		Balance	2004	2004	2004	Balance	Balance
						\$137,239.24	\$45,779.17	\$2,061.24	\$16,086.64	\$27,704.17	\$164,943.41
2004	Downey, Gertrude C. & Edward J.	Laconia Savings		500.00		500.00		0.40	0.40		500.00
2004	Jensen, Betty A. & Milton G.	Laconia Savings		500.00		500.00		0.57	0.57		500.00
2004	Downing, Florabelle & Donald	Laconia Savings		400.00		400.00		0.52	0.52		400.00
2004	Cook, Gary F. & Kathryn A.	Laconia Savings		400.00		400.00		0.52	0.52		400.00
2004	McGonagle, John W. & Sandra T.	Laconia Savings		1,600.00		1,600.00		2.06	2.06		1,600.00
2004	Welch, Carol A. & Stephen E.	Laconia Savings		600.00		600.00		1.08	1.08		600.00
2004	Jett, Elizabeth & Robert	Laconia Savings		400.00		400.00		0.52	0.52		400.00
2004	Hughes, Charles	Laconia Savings		400.00		400.00		0.52	0.52		400.00
2004	Sibson, Virginia & Donald A.	Laconia Savings		400.00		400.00		0.52	0.52		400.00
2004	Curtis, Ferol J. & Donald W.	Laconia Savings		400.00		400.00		0.52	0.52		400.00
2004	Rich, Emily A.	Laconia Savings		200.00		200.00		0.26	0.26		200.00
2004	DeVivo, Lynne M. & Richard	Laconia Savings		400.00		400.00		0.52	0.52		400.00
2004	Matthews, Loran W.	Laconia Savings		250.00		250.00		0.12	0.12		250.00
2004	Osborne, Bettie A. & Arthur D.	Laconia Savings		500.00		500.00		0.23	0.23		500.00
Total Cemetery Funds			\$137,239.24	\$6,950.00	\$0.00	\$144,189.24	\$45,779.17	\$2,069.60	\$18,075.00	\$29,773.77	\$171,893.41
1968	A.B. Lincoln - Care of Lincoln Park	Laconia Savings	1,250.00			1,250.00	1,850.21	32.29		1,882.50	3,132.50
1968	Julia Laid - Worthy Poor	Laconia Savings	2,215.68			2,215.68	2,082.69	46.32		2,129.01	4,344.69
1969	Theodate & Elliot Remick - Library	Laconia Savings	5,185.00			5,185.00	631.43	61.76		683.19	5,878.19
1986	Samuel & Winnifred Smith - Library	Laconia Savings	5,883.00	1,700.00		7,583.00	568.41	81.05		649.46	8,232.46
1991	Kimball Castle - Wildlife	Village Bank	163,754.90	3,738.80		163,928.87	19,936.18	1,619.55		21,555.73	185,484.60
1996	Daniel P. Rogers - Conservation	Village Bank	16,448.75			16,448.75	2,275.04	211.90		2,486.94	18,935.69
Total Miscellaneous Trusts			\$194,737.33	\$5,438.80	\$3,564.83	\$196,611.30	\$27,343.96	\$2,052.87	\$0.00	\$29,396.83	\$226,008.13
1989	Fire Equipment	Laconia Savings	84,944.33			84,944.33	33,520.21	1,425.14		34,945.35	119,889.68
1990	Highway Equipment	Laconia Savings	1,866.47			1,866.47	47,322.88	555.97		47,878.85	49,745.32
1994	School Air Conditioning	Laconia Savings	145,000.00			130,000.00	27,362.61	1,579.18	20,310.83	8,632.96	23,632.96
1999	School Septic System	Laconia Savings	0.00			0.00	3,711.54	13.07		3,730.61	3,730.61
2000	Gilford Library	Laconia Savings	125,000.00			3,688.05	8,181.06	1,176.02	3,688.05	5,669.03	9,357.08
2000	Business Park	Laconia Savings	0.00			0.00	6,567.88	23.08		6,590.96	6,590.96
2007	Special Education	Laconia Savings	150,000.00			150,000.00	8,292.76	1,978.45		10,271.21	160,271.21
Total Capital Reserve Funds			\$506,810.80	\$0.00	\$251,311.95	\$255,498.85	\$134,966.94	\$6,750.91	\$23,998.88	\$117,718.97	\$373,217.82

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is

complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Laurie Greenwood

Greg Dickinson

George Sawyer



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Gilford
Gilford, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Gilford, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As is the case with many municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Gilford has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Gilford as of December 31, 2003, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Gilford taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Gilford. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

April 30, 2004

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

EXHIBIT A
TOWN OF GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Group
December 31, 2023

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group	Total
	General	Special	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS					
Assets					
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 5,926,477	\$ 677,805	\$ 687,570	\$	\$ 8,194,055
Investments	58,696	44,844	359,335		462,875
Receivables (Net of Allowance For Uncollectible)					
Taxes	1,537,806				1,537,806
Accounts	4,428	144,349			148,777
Special Assessments	17,247	407,379			424,626
Intergovernmental	318,897				318,897
Interfund Receivable	853,400		5,915,685		6,769,085
Other Debits					
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt				4,664,594	4,664,594
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	\$ 8,716,951	\$ 1,264,377	\$ 6,962,590	\$ 4,664,594	\$ 22,520,715
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					
Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	\$ 27,403	\$	\$	\$	\$ 27,403
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	165				165
Contracts Payable					88,731
Retainage Payable					24,860
Intergovernmental Payable	75,281		6,250,080		6,325,361
Interfund Payable	5,915,685		25,668		6,769,085
Deferred Revenue	4,286	64,337			412,461
General Obligation Bonds/Notes Payable		408,175		4,155,369	4,155,369
Capital Lease Payable				225,582	225,582
Compensated Absences Payable				283,643	283,643
Total Liabilities	6,022,820	472,512	6,275,748	4,664,594	18,312,660
Equity					
Fund Balances					
Reserved For Encumbrances	118,794	7,250			126,044
Reserved For Endowments			151,773		151,773
Reserved For Special Purposes			535,069		1,036,970
Unreserved					
Designated For Special Purposes		784,615			784,615
Undesignated (Deficit)	2,575,337				2,108,653
Total Equity	2,694,131	791,865	686,842		4,205,055
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 8,716,951	\$ 1,264,377	\$ 6,962,590	\$ 4,664,594	\$ 22,520,715

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT
December 31, 2003

Annual Maturities of Outstanding Bonds and Long Term Notes:

	Lakes Business Park 2004-2013 Original Bond \$1,464,682.00	Municipal Building 1987-2007 Original Bond \$1,523,591.00	Cherry Valley Sewer Extension 1999-2017 Original Bond \$128,978.24	State Revolving Loan Fund - Sewer 2003-2013 Original Loan \$2,295,649.88
2004	146,468.20	75,000.00	6,788.33	229,546.99
2005	146,468.20	75,000.00	6,788.33	229,546.99
2006	146,468.20	75,000.00	6,788.33	229,546.99
2007	146,468.20	75,000.00	6,788.33	229,546.99
2008	146,468.20		6,788.33	229,546.99
2009	146,468.20		6,788.33	229,546.99
2010	146,468.20		6,788.33	229,546.99
2011	146,468.20		6,788.33	229,546.99
2012	146,468.20		6,788.33	229,546.99
2013	146,468.20		6,788.33	229,564.97
2014			6,788.33	
2015			6,788.33	
2016			6,788.33	
2017			6,788.33	
2018				
2019				
	\$1,464,682.00	\$300,000.00	\$95,036.62	2,295,487.88

NOTE: Municipal Building and Sewer debt issued through NH
Municipal
Bond Bank; Cherry Valley Sewer Extension debt issued through
State of NH Revolving Loan Fund.

TOWN OWNED PROPERTY - 2004

Map/Lot	Address	Description	Value
203-056.000	122 Morrill St		178,000
203-152.000	Elderberry Dr		400
203-269.000	36 Stone Rd	Stonewall Park	30,600
204-003.000	Gilford Ave		1,009,400
210-033.000		Common Green Area	17,800
212-008.000	6 David Lewis Rd		48,400
213-013.002	23 Liscomb Circle	Unit 4	19,200
213-013.325	23 Liscomb Circle	Unit 50	24,200
215-025.000	150 Kimball Rd	Municipal Facility	311,800
223-417.000	40 Varney Point Rd	Town Beach	3,391,200
223-500.000	Varney Point Rd		10,000
223-503.000	4 Casey Rd		22,200
224-018.000	263 Intervale Rd	School District	385,165
224-018.100	293 Intervale Rd	School District	92,051
224-046.016	16 Pine Grove MHP		15,900
224-074.015	344 Old Lake Shore Rd	Unit 15	58,800
226-030.100	Schoolhouse Hill Rd		200
226-048.000	174 Potter Hill Rd		142,200
226-048.100	109 Cherry Valley Rd		83,200
226-054.000	47 Cherry Valley Rd	Town Offices	3,063,400
226-055.000	2 Belknap Mt Rd	Library	395,200
227-013.000	Alvah Wilson Rd	School District	170,000
227-116.000	15 Goodwin Rd		55,400
227-124.000	Alvah Wilson Rd	School District	71,800
227-125.000	Alvah Wilson Rd	School District	113,000
227-126.000	27 Belknap Mt Rd		234,900
227-127-000		High School	10,822,100
227-132.000	76 Belknap Mt Rd	Elementary School	6,402,400
228-010.000	Saltmarsh Pond Rd		17,200
229-031.000	Sherwood Forest Dr	Common Green Area	3,200
232-002.000	Durrell Mt Rd	Municipal Facility	366,900
234-001.000	Durrell Mt Rd	Municipal Facility	454,600
240-007.000	Orchard Dr		1,800
240-050.000	26 Foxglove Rd		45,000
240-058.000	11 Silver St		48,000
241-013.000	160 Chestnut Dr		40,100
242-183.000	33 Dock Rd	Glendale Docks	515,800
242-197.000	Glendale Place	Parking lot	243,900
242-212.000	Belknap Point Rd	Lincoln Park	538,300
242-369.000	Lake Shore Rd		500
242-391.100	11 Lockes Hill Rd		906,300
252-050.000	Lake Shore Rd		74,200

Map/Lot	Address	Description	Value
252-162.000	86 Sagamore Rd		20,000
252-191.000	139 Tate Rd		48,000
252-221.000	199 Cumberland Rd		48,700
253-049.000	30 Greenleaf Trail		14,100
253-109.000	71 Briarcliff Rd		157,100
253-328.000	62 River Rd		14,400
258-002.000	Round Pond		256,600
267-012.102	102 Samoset Condo		254,600
267-257.000	2679 Lake Shore Rd		1,000
272-005.000	Clough Rd		29,300
227-132.400	Off Belknap Mt Rd		49,800
228-031.000	Doris Dr		400
226-078.001	43 Potter Hill Rd		63,200
227-134.400	Off Belknap Mt Rd		113,100
223-413.002	31 Harris Shore Rd	Conservation Comm	109,700
223-413.003	39 Harris Shore Rd	Conservation Comm	55,900
236-020.000	560 Belknap Mt Rd	Conservation Comm	74,700
237-002.000	Belknap Point Rd	Conservation Comm	216,700

MARRIAGES REPORTED IN THE TOWN OF GILFORD

For the Year Ending December 31, 2004

Date	Bride and Groom	Residence of each at time of Marriage
January 1, 2004	Steven C. Fuchs Anita Ribando	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
January 3, 2004	Karl Daniel Stasko Lorin Tracy Spear	Lakeville, MA Lakeville, MA
January 29, 2004	Joseph Allen Cass Julie Ann Bishop	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
February 17, 2004	John Francis Santore Imelda Mauhay De Castro	Amherst, NY Amherst, NY
April 1, 2004	Gerard Francois Bourassa Jayne Elizabeth Anderson	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
May 15, 2004	Mark Russell Jensen Susan May Laurent	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
May 15, 2004	William John McLean IV Jade Mae Kendall	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
May 22, 2004	Gerardo Miguel Fernandez Susan Kelsey Deyette	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
May 22, 2004	Kevin Cecil Lurvey Debbie Sue Legassie	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
May 22, 2004	Ryan Cole Robinson Tiffany May Trask	Manchester, NH Gilford, NH
June 5, 2004	Kristian Gregory Keenan Shallan Rae Beede	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
June 26, 2004	John Richard Heise Christine Michelle Beaulieu	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
June 26, 2004	James Michel Corneau Deborah Anne Nadeau	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
June 29, 2004	Robert Aguiar Hsiu Chi Chiu	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
July 17, 2004	Matthew John Tuttle Shawn Wade-Delaney	Haverhill, MA Haverhill, MA

Date	Bride and Groom	Residence of each at time of Marriage
August 10, 2004	Merrill Park Fay Beth Ann Pataski	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
August 19, 2004	Joseph Michael Feeney, Jr. Patricia Gwyn Stuart	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
September 11, 2004	Christopher Robert Burlock Allison Amy Turcotte	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
October 3, 2004	Ronald Nicholas Gagliardi Mia Morgann Lee	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
October 13, 2004	Todd Allen Powers Linda Marie Bolduc	Manchester, NH Gilford, NH
September 25, 2004	Michael James Rowland Trisha Marie Yost	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
October 23, 2004	John Andrew Eastman Michelle Georgette Perkins	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
October 23, 2004	Jonathan Rich Doncet Jennifer Whitney Rockwell	Middletown, CT Middletown, CT
November 7, 2004	Alexandros Poullos Ashlee Avard	Gilford, NH Franklin, NH
October 22, 2004	Timothy H. Sanders Heidi L. Gibbons	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
November 12, 2004	Paul Anthony Pantaleo Tina Marie Ballou	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
November 14, 2004	Bashkim Kasa Calista C. Hartman	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
December 11, 2004	Kenneth Howard Hartley Maryann Ditusa	Gilford, NH Lebanon, NH
December 11, 2004	Stephen Gilbert Hodges Patricia Lynn Dobbs	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
December 11, 2004	Duane Arthur Johnson Joann Mari Lord	Deerfield, NH Gilford, NH

Annual Report

Of the

School District

of the town of

GILFORD

New Hampshire

for the year ending

June 30, 2004

**OFFICERS OF THE
GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Moderator
John Cameron

Clerk
Alida Millham

Treasurer
Paul Simoneau

Auditors
Plodzik, & Sanderson

SCHOOL BOARD

Paul Blandford, Chairperson	Term Expires 2005
Kevin Hayes, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 2006
Margo Weeks, Clerk	Term Expires 2007
Susan Allen	Term Expires 2006
Derek Tomlinson	Term Expires 2007

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Paul DeMinico

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS SERVICES
Scott Isabelle

Regular meetings of the School Board
First Monday of Each Month
6:00 P.M. - Gilford Elementary School

**GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2004 @ 10:00 AM
GILFORD HIGH SCHOOL**

The inhabitants of the Gilford School District of Gilford in the County of Belknap, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote on district affairs, gathered on Saturday, March 13, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the Gilford High School Auditorium.

School District Moderator John Cameron asked us to kindly take our seats and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Moderator Cameron gave introductions and thanks to the Supervisors of the Checklist, police, fire audio, lights, & microphone runners. Also announcing the High School play, The Little Shop of Horrors, on March 25th, 26th, & 27th as well as the Middle School community night will be held March 31st.

Jim Annis then proceeded to speak discussing the start of the new high school and how the process was completed and thanking those who made it possible. Also announcing Sandra McGonagle as the new elementary school principal.

Paul Blandford presented Jim Annis with a certificate of appreciation, in recognition of valuable contributions to the children and the community of Gilford.

The body stood in pledge of allegiance to the flag. Moderator Cameron reviewed the meeting procedures and ground rules that would be followed.

Results of the March 9, 2004 election:

SCHOOL BOARD-THREE YEAR TERM

Derek Tomlinson	599	<u>ELECTED</u>
Margo Weeks	686	<u>ELECTED</u>
James Annis	572	
Write-ins:		
Everett McLaughlin	120	
Kathy Aldridge	32	
Joe Hoffman	3	
Doug Lambert	3	
Alida Millham	2	
Peter Sawyer	1	
Fred Wernig	1	
Heidi Gephardt	1	
Wayne Snow	1	
Doug Scott	1	
Jim Babcock	1	

SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR

John D. Cameron	1005	<u>ELECTED</u>
Write-ins:		
Peter Millham	2	
Joe Hoffman	2	

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Paul R. Simoneau	1039	<u>ELECTED</u>
Write-ins:		
Joe Hoffman	4	
Bill Buckman	1	
Ray Vigue	1	

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK Write-ins:

Everett McLaughlin	5	<u>ELECTED</u>
Derek Tomlinson	4	
Margo Weeks	3	
Shirley Burns	2	
Sue Allen	2	
B. Tibbetts	2	
Lisa Buckley	2	
Kathy Aldridge	2	
Sharon Simons	1	
Joyce Roberts	1	
Sherilyn Kipping	1	
Chris Ialona	1	
John Cameron	1	
Nancy Simoneau	1	
Tracy Petrozzi	1	
Peter Marquis	1	
Richard Shaw	1	
Ruth McLaughlin	1	
Gordon Berridge	1	
Fred Wernig	1	
B. Arenstan	1	
John Goodhue	1	
Betty Persons	1	
Sue Arnold	1	
Dominic DeCarli	1	
Nancy Campbell	1	
Greg Dickinson	1	
Alida Millham	1	
Karen Bianco	1	
Judy Lavoie	1	
Kathy LaCroix	1	
John Markland	1	
Mary Lou John	1	
Joanne McNulty	1	
Bill Roderick	1	

SCHOOL QUESTION SB2

YES 757 PASSED

NO 443

Article I-District Officers Salaries- *To see if the School District will set the salaries of District Officers for the coming year as follows:*

Moderator	\$100.00
District Clerk	\$ 20.00
Chairperson of school Board	\$1500.00
School Board Members (4) each	\$1000.00
District Treasurer	\$1600.00

School Board member Sue Allen moved the question. Margo Weeks seconded the motion. The Budget Committee recommended the Article 10 to one.

Joe Hoffman made a point of order. Moderator Cameron thanked him then proceeded to read Article 1 , which was approved on a voice vote.

Article II-School District Reports-*To see if the School District will approve the reports of the Agents, Auditors, and committees as printed in the 2003 Town Report.*

School Board member Margo Weeks moved the question. Paul Blandford seconded the motion. No comments were offered and Article I was approved as read on a voice vote.

Article III-Meadows Recreational Facility-*To see if the School District will raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80, 000) to hire an engineer to develop conceptual plans, construction plans, and cost estimates for the construction of recreational facilities at the Meadows property.*

School Board member Kevin Hayes moved the question. Jim Annis seconded the motion. Moderator Cameron asked if there were any further comments. Mr. Hayes explained the need for approval of Article III. The budget committee recommended the article 7 to 4.

John Rigney spoke in opposition. Richard Campbell spoke in opposition adding they ought to be designated as special articles. Joe Hoffman spoke in opposition. Susan Leach spoke in opposition. Pam Hayes spoke in favor of the article adding there is a real need for sports facility land. Kevin Hayes then spoke of how this is a town issue and its present in this warrant because the school owns the land. Bruce Wright discussed his involvement with the project and his suggestion to pass the motion. Bull Rohr spoke in opposition. Joe Wernig spoke in favor of the article. Don Cheeseborough spoke in favor. Dick Durkie asked questions in regards to results from a previous study done by RFA Engineering. Kevin Hayes answered the question. Mr. Durkie then discussed the budget and State Aid Education. Meg Jenkins spoke in favor. Joe Hoffman asked if Gilmanton was paying for any portion of this, and Kevin Hayes stated that they would not be contributing to the initial cost. Margo Weeks spoke out on obesity and adult diabetes and reasoning for physical activity. Kathy Dumais spoke in favor. Carolyn Smith spoke in opposition suggesting using the Soil Conservation Service to give an updated survey and also added that they have

local interest in heart. Kevin Hayes explained the engineering study will remap and retest the soil, if the testing then determines the fields are not of proper use the design stops and no further money is to be spent. Moderator Cameron then proceeded to read Article III moving from a voice to a standing vote, passing 65 in favor-34 or 35 opposed.

Article IV-Middle and High School Furniture and Equipment-To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Seven Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$40 7,400) for the purpose of completing and acquiring additional furniture and equipment for the Gilford Middle and High School building project and replacement of the elementary school phone system, and authorizing the use of that amount from the June 30 fund balance for this purpose. (This amount is a portion of the interest earned on bond proceeds transferred to the general fund on or before June 30. Total estimated interest accrued is \$532,302.)

School Board member Paul Blandford moved the question. Kevin Hayes seconded. Budget committee favored 11 to 0. Dick Hickok made comments in favor of passing the article. Joe Hoffman spoke in opposition. Paul Blandford spoke in favor. Don Cheeseborough asked for the cost to borrow the money we've gotten interest on. Scott Isabelle added that the interest is accrued by keeping the money in the bank. Don Cheeseborough then asks for the figure on how much it costs us for the bond money. Scott Isabelle gave the budgeted amount for the principal & interest payment on the bond as follows, the high school renovation principal is \$850,000.00, and the interest payment on the middle school addition and high school renovation is \$659,000. It was then suggested that the phone system be on a separate warrant article, which he would support if presented that way, Bill Rohr. Kevin Hayes then went on to discuss the phone system being added due to available funds and the need has been for a number of years. Mr. Rohr added he was aware of the need for the phone system being replaced and expressed wanting it to be on separate articles. Joe Hoffman then asked Mr. Isabelle what the name of the bank that holds our money is and the percentage of interest.

Mr. Isabelle answered that the money is invested with the Bank of New Hampshire and off the top of his head he believes the interest rate is 3-3/4 percent.

Moderator Cameron then asked if there were any other comments or questions. Article IV was approved as read on a voice vote.

Article V-Expendable Trust-To see if the district will vote to establish an expendable trust fund for the purpose of managing and improving, in all respects, the Meadow Property and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to be placed in the fund.

School Board member Sue Allen moved the question. Jim Annis seconded. Sue Allen then explained the purpose of the Expendable Trust. Don Cheeseborough asked if this fund would become a general budget line item. Sue Allen answered that it will be held totally separate. Carolyn Smith asked who was going to administer the trust fund. Barbara Loughman responded that by law the money must be turned over to the trustee of trust funds for the town, the decision to expend the money would be made by the school board. With no other questions or comments Moderator Cameron moved to vote. Article V was approved as read on a voice vote.

Article VI-General Budget Funds-To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Million, Eight Hundred Nineteen Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety- Two Dollars (\$18,819,892. 00) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for school district officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the district. This Article is inclusive of the costs in Article 1, but does not include the amounts in Articles III, IV or V

School Board member Jim Annis moved the question. Margo Weeks seconded. Paul Blandford asked that if Article VI passes to make the following motion, moving that Article VI be amended to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Million, Eight Hundred and Nine Thousand, Eight-Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars. Thus reducing the article by Ten-Thousand Dollars. This amount was budgeted as seed money for the Tech Ed program. This money was raised as part of the appropriation in Article IV. This eliminates this duplication. This was also a commitment made to the budget committee. Sue Allen then seconded the motion. No comments were offered the amendment was approved as read on voice vote. Going back to Article VI. The budget committee then recommended the article 11-6.

Mr. Campbell then asked where in the budget is the ten thousand we just took out. Scott Isabelle then confirmed with Dick Hickok that this was taken out of the high school budget under new equipment. Joe Hoffman then requested from Mr. Isabelle the authority to review the new superintendent's contract and whether or not there was a criminal background check and requested his response in writing. Article VI was approved as read on a voice vote.

Article VII-Adjournment

Kevin Hayes then moved to adjourn the meeting. Margo Weeks seconded. Moderator Cameron then asked if there was any further discussion and with none the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Melanie L. Brierly
School District Clerk

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON

The past year has proven to be an eventful year for the Gilford School District. Our choice in Paul DeMinico as Superintendent of Schools has proven to be the right fit for our district. Paul comes to us with much experience including time at The Hague, in Thailand, at Pembroke and Winnisquam, NH. We expect Paul will continue to lead our district forward while raising the standards so Gilford schools may again rank with the best in the state.

We would like to acknowledge the eighteen years that Mike Tocci served our district. In the spring of 2004, the Gilford School Board named The Gilford Elementary School Library in honor of Mike, a small gesture in comparison to the many contributions Mike has made over these years to our schools and community. The Gilford Elementary School received The Excellence in Education Award, an honor to its staff and a fitting final tribute to Mike. With the retirement of Mike Tocci, the school board was faced with finding a replacement principal for the elementary school. We did not need to look far and named Sandra McGonagle, Assistant Principal of The Year 2004 Award recipient, as our new Gilford Elementary School Principal.

Our final vacancy decision was complete in naming Ken Wiswell as our new Gilford High School Principal. Ken came to us from Pinkerton Academy in Derry and Newport, NH and has hit the ground running in many ways. He is reviewing and addressing our scheduling options. He is also working with our staff and students to better utilize our technologies with regard to on-line report card viewing and improved email communication between staff and parents.

The middle school students and staff welcomed the fifth grade students and its teaching staff into the new building. The administrators and staff have done a wonderful job with this difficult transition and made students feel as if they were always a part of the Gilford Middle School community.

We wish to offer special recognition to Bill Marston, our Interim High School Principal and Ralph Minichiello, our Interim District Superintendent. Both of these individuals were instrumental in keeping our building project on track and resolving Gilford's accreditation issues. They together helped us move forward as a district. We thank them both for their service.

With the construction and renovations now complete, we wish to thank our students, teaching staff, administrators and support staff, maintenance staff and most importantly the tax-payers of Gilford. Together you have all given our children a wonderful opportunity to have a better learning experience while receiving a quality education.

Respectfully,

Paul R. Blandford
Chairman, Gilford School Board

GILFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Principal's Annual Report

This has been a very exciting year for everyone at Gilford High School. With the construction and renovation project finished (with the exception of some minor details) we have a facility that is both conducive to teaching and learning and one which we can operate in a safe and secure fashion. The building is bright, and the atmosphere is vibrant which will foster the student engagement we all desire. We want to express our sincere appreciation for the support provided by the community for this project and for the futures of our students.

Our enrollment on the opening day of school in September was 539 students. Counting all instructional staff along with custodians, food service personnel, and support staff, we have 109 adults working in the building. We have welcomed five new teachers who have joined our faculty this year. They are Melinda Kimball in Music, John Dixon in Tech Ed., Edith Takantjas in French, Lauren Manolis in Spanish, and Rhonda Bergman in Mathematics.

Although the Class of 2006 scored above the targets in math and reading proficiency scores established by the Department of Education, our high school was designated as "a school in need of improvement" in August because our test scores in one math subgroup did not reach the goal. As a result of this designation, we have submitted a school improvement plan to the DOE that describes what steps we will take to raise the test scores for that individual subgroup over the next two years. Our plan was approved by the State Board of Education in early January. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of our math and special education teachers, we have implemented plans that will help raise our math scores in all areas, but especially in our designated subgroup. The work of the Math Task Force continues to be vital to the continuous improvement of our math program.

With the completion of the construction projects in November, came the opportunity to make our final report to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges relative to their 1999 visitation. We have successfully addressed all of their original concerns, and our full accreditation status should be restored at the next NEASC meeting.

This school year initiated a commitment to using our technology to increase the quality and frequency of communication between school and home. We are using a new software program, GradeQuick, to provide comprehensive interim reports for parents. These new progress reports give parents more academic information than ever before. Our student data management system allows us to email report cards directly home to parents. To take advantage of this capability, just send your email address along with the name of your student(s) to ghsguidance@gilford.k12.nh.us. We hope to offer parents on-line access to student grades in individual course in the near future.

After several years of studying various forms of block schedules, Gilford High School will be implementing a trimester schedule in the fall of 2006. This schedule will be designed to give students and teachers more time to explore

their subjects in greater depth. It should also reduce the number of scheduling conflicts students face when choosing their courses. Our predevelopment focus for the next two years will be on teaching and learning in longer class periods.

Our Technical Education program has begun the first phase of a serious modernization and upgrade. The goal for the next few years is to develop a curriculum that demands more high level skills, such as problem solving, from our students. We have added a computer numeric controlled engraving machine to our lab. Students learn how to translate their product design into computerized instructions to the machine which can then produce the finished product over and over again with the same quality. We hope to be able to add a CNC lathe to our shop next year.

Eighty per-cent of our Class of 2004 graduates were accepted to two and four-year colleges. Eight per-cent of that class entered the work force directly from high school while all others went on to post secondary schooling.

Seven students were selected to participate in the All New England Choral Festival in November. Thirty-four Choir students and fifteen Band members performed in the Belknap Mountain Invitational Music Festival held at GHS on January 14.

In March, the boys' basketball team won the Class M State Championship. The boys' Alpine ski team and the girls' cross country ski team also won team championships last winter. Our girls' volleyball team won its sixth consecutive Class M title this fall. Along the way they set an all-time state record for consecutive matches won with a total of 85 and counting! We have had more than our share of outstanding athletes who have received All-State and Player of the Year awards as voted upon by New Hampshire coaches through their respective organizations. We are happy to have increased the athletic possibilities for students who now participate in football, hockey, and lacrosse.

The performing arts students offered superb performances of *Little Shop of Horrors* and *The Scarlet Pimpernel* to appreciative audiences in the spring and fall respectively. We are grateful for the continued generous support provided by the P.O.P.S. Organization.

Eight young women from the Class of 2005 were honored at the 18th Annual NH High School Women's Athletic/Academic Award Program held in Concord on Monday, January 31, 2005.

Our students continue to very well in poetry contests on the local, state and regional levels. Gilford students—along with students from Plymouth Regional High School—served as hosts for the 9th Annual New Hampshire Young Writers Conference held at PSU.

We are all very proud of the community service work performed by so many of our students throughout the year. Members of the Inter-Act club, Students against Destructive Decisions, and our new Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America club have been the most prominent groups in this area. Our students have championed many causes that are aimed at improving the quality of life for others such as food and clothing drives to help local individuals and agencies, backpack projects to provide school supplies for an indigent community; and letter writing campaigns for soldiers in Iraq. Their

level of concern for others along with their willingness to give up hours of their free time speaks very highly of the students who attend GHS.

Finally, we would like to express our continued gratitude to the many individuals, businesses, and civic organizations in the community who support our programs and our students. There is not a day that goes by that our students do not receive some benefit from your generosity. We hope that we can look forward to your continued support.

Ken Wiswell
GHS Principal

GILFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Principal's Annual Report

2004

Gilford Middle School opened its doors for the second year on September 1, 2004, to three hundred ninety-two students in grades five through eight and ninety faculty and support staff members. We are pleased to welcome the fifth grade team comprised of Kim Watterson, Susan Athanas, Linda Bettoney, Kaye Greene, Nancy Wright, and Betsy Groesser, to our staff as well as welcoming the fifth grade students as part of our student body. New members to our staff this year include: Kate Fox in fifth grade, John Zumbach in sixth grade science, Dan Steever in seventh grade science, Shana Longey in eighth grade English, Justin Dussault in eighth grade social studies, Jack Donovan in eighth grade science, Vladimir Vascak in technology education, Kim Thornton in physical education and health, Anthony Sperazzo in physical education, Melinda Kimball in band, Paul Warnick in fifth grade band and chorus, Tessa Rollins as seventh grade special education teacher, Karen Sullivan as speech/language pathologist, Jo-An Balassone Fowler as a paraprofessional, Gail McClean and Nancy Tobey as a one-on-one aides, Erin Dickson as a long term substitute in guidance, and Doug Wall as our school resource officer.

The Staff at Gilford Middle School continue to be committed and dedicated to the development of a middle school model through instruction, student configuration, and curriculum offerings. Our primary goal continues to be to create an atmosphere of academic excellence and provide a curriculum that is integrative, exploratory, and challenging. This year the Literacy Collaborative model for instructing reading and language arts was expanded from the elementary school up through grade six. Last year the Gates MacGinite Test for Reading indicated that 20% of our eighth grade students were still struggling with reading and required remedial instruction. We are proud that 8% of our students were on grade level and 72% were reading above grade level; however, 20% were below grade level which indicates there is still work to be done in the area of literacy. Professional development opportunities have provided teachers with strategies to differentiate their instruction and meet the needs of a variety of student abilities within the same classroom. The sixth grade team has moved from a departmentalized teaching configuration to a sub-team, providing increased student/teacher contact. Additionally, grades five and six report pupil progress on a trimester schedule rather than quarterly. We continue to scrutinize our curriculum and we have broadened the scope of our modern language program to include a World Cultures exploratory at the fifth grade level. A technology program has been developed to align with the focus at the high school and respond to State and National standards. Our health curriculum has been revised as a result of summer curriculum work, and we have developed an after school enrichment program that was very well received by students this year. The process of curriculum development is ongoing as we continue to fine tune and develop our Program of Studies in compliance with the revised State Minimum Standards and Grade Level Expectations.

On a local, national, and international level, our Middle School students are actively involved in recognizing their civic responsibility. Over the past year they have collected over one hundred backpacks which were donated to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation; constructed Care Bear packages, complete with Teddy Bear, CD of original music, and activity packet to be placed in emergency vehicles for children under stress; collected hundreds of pounds of canned goods to donate to St. Vincent DePaul; helped the V.F.W. collect money and send phone cards to service men and women overseas; raised money for OXFAM which aids third world countries; raised almost two thousand dollars for tsunami relief; participated in Hoops for Heart; constructed holiday stockings to be placed in food baskets; landscaped the gazebo on the village common; and are currently working on a community project hoping to expand the existing sidewalk in town to continue down Belknap Mt. Road and Alvah Wilson Road. The list goes on. However, it should be noted that in almost all cases our students donated their time and energy to these pursuits beyond the scope of the school day or academic schedule and without any expectation of gratitude or recognition. The services they provide are exemplary.

Last spring, the NH State Council on the Arts awarded us a grant designed to provide our students with a variety of visual and performing arts activities. Exploring the Arts Week invited thirteen artists into our school who provided selected offerings of pottery making, stenciling, furniture making, weaving, storytelling, jam making, quilting, writing, period costumes, and printmaking. This year, the artist in residence is Ceramic Artist Rob Rossel. Mr. Rossel is providing his expertise and insight of the construction of a tile mural that will become a permanent part of our school. This display will exemplify our students' appreciation of the environment and community. Next year is the third year of the grant. We are planning other projects that will enhance and beautify our school as well as develop a strong appreciation for our student body for diversity in the arts to include lessons for practical application.

On behalf of the entire staff at Gilford Middle School, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for the continued support of the PTA, Volunteer Steering Committee, School Board, Central Office Administration, and Gilford community members.

Respectfully submitted,
James Kemmerer
Principal, GMS

GILFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal's Annual Report

It gives me great pleasure to provide my first Principal's Report to the citizens of Gilford. I am very proud of Gilford Elementary School, having served for 20 years as a teacher in the school, six years as the Assistant Principal, and with the honor of serving as Principal this past year.

Our Assistant Principal, Scott Laliberte, joined us for the 2004-05 academic year. He has been warmly received by the entire school community. His professionalism, caring manner, and sense of humor have been a fine addition to our school.

The focus of my pride at GES is on our students, staff, and parents. Each in their own way contributes greatly to the success of our school. We opened our academic year with 445 students, Kindergarten through Grade 4. Our students are progressing through a very important time in their young development. What research tells us about brain development and gains in cognitive skills and knowledge is that this is a crucial time in their growth. A comparative analysis with state averages indicates that GES students are scoring above state averages in all areas tested. Their dedication to their studies is admirable. They show good citizenship in the school with care for each other and for the world around them. We see acts of kindness every day, from providing food and clothing to the needy, collecting food for the animals at the Humane Society, or sharing pennies from their piggy banks for the Tsunami victims. We are raising fine young citizens.

The staff at Gilford Elementary School is to be commended for their dedication. We welcomed one new teacher this year. Mrs. Elizabeth Macaione holds the position of third grade teacher. Our staff is committed to providing an optimum learning environment for our students. Their professional development activities in the Integrated Instructional Model, Literacy Collaborative, and Differentiated Instruction are indicative of their commitment to improving instruction for our students. With the training of intermediate staff, grades 3-6, we will have implemented the Literacy Collaborative throughout our school. The efforts of our Literacy Coordinators, Chris Roderick and Chris Wallin have been essential to the success of the training. Our professional development affiliations with Lesley University and Plymouth State University will allow us to continue the high levels of training of staff that are essential in improving curriculum and instruction.

Plymouth State University has participated this year as a Professional Development School by placing 24 Methods students in our school to mentor with our teachers. Four student teachers also completed their internship at GES. We continue to have frequent visitors from educators to observe our exemplary programs. We are pleased to continue our professional relationship with Plymouth State University.

We wish to recognize our support staff, including our secretaries, custodians, and food service personnel. They are the heart of our school, and

their dedication to providing an outstanding school environment is commendable.

We acknowledge the participation of parents at GES. Each week over 150 parents pass through our doors to volunteer their time by assisting teachers with various tasks, or, most importantly, listening to students read to them and providing help with math skills. Their participation is invaluable, and we express our sincere thanks for their commitment to providing quality instruction in our school.

The Kindergarten Study Task Force commissioned by the Gilford School Board recommended the implementation of full day Kindergarten. The citizens of Gilford will have an opportunity to vote on the appropriation for full day Kindergarten in March. At the time of this writing, we do not know the outcome of that vote. As your Principal, I support full day Kindergarten, because I believe that it will benefit the students in our program. Research of full day Kindergarten programs shows an increase in long term achievement, a less stressful, unhurried environment for young learners, and an increase in student self-esteem and independence. If the program is not approved this year, I recommend its reconsideration next year.

This year we continued to promote the philosophy of HOTS, a Higher Order Thinking School. We have used Showcase, a monthly all school gathering, to share curriculum experiences that are occurring in the classrooms. We designed a tech studio which is used to provide a morning broadcast throughout the school, as well as other technology opportunities during the week. Under the direction of teachers, Dave Stevens and Otis Wirth, the studio is completely run by students from announcers, broadcasters, and technicians. We welcome visitors to the studio to observe the amazing achievements of our young people in the area of technology.

The Extended Day Program, Summer Day Program and After School Enrichment programs have continued with high enrollments. We are pleased to provide a safe place for students to play and learn before and after school. The costs of the programs are totally offset by revenues.

Gilford Elementary School benefits from our collaborative relationship with agencies and organizations in the community. We express our thanks to Chief Evans Juris and the Gilford Police Department for their assistance in providing our school resource officer, Doug Wall, who we share with the Middle School. The Gilford Fire Department, through the assistance of Chief Mike Mooney and education officer, Frank Latosek, educate our students about the importance of health and safety. The Gilford Department of Public Works, Thompson Ames Historical Society, Gilford Rotary Club, Gilford Library, and the Gilford Recreation Department, also support many educational initiatives in our school. To the many area businesses, which support our artist in residence programs, we also express our thanks.

In closing, we recognize that it is the efforts of the entire community that allow us to continue to be successful at GES. We extend our sincere appreciation to the Gilford School Board, SAU personnel, the Gilford PTA, the Volunteer Steering Committee, and the voters of Gilford for supporting the

goals and visions of Gilford Elementary School. We look forward to our continued work together.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandra McGonagle

**SCHOOL STATISTICS
GILFORD ELEMENTARY
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS**

As of December, 2004

Elementary	Grade	
	K	85
	1	82
	2	97
	3	92
	4	<u>91</u>
	Total Elementary	447
Middle School	5	83
	6	101
	7	113
	8	<u>94</u>
	Total Middle	391
High School	9	138
	10	147
	11	129
	12	117
	Total High	<u>531</u>
SCHOOL DISTRICT TOTAL		1369



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INDEPENDENT A AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the School Board
Gilford School District
Gilford, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Gilford School District for the year ended June 30, 2004, we considered the School District's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the School District's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general purpose financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

During the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the School District's accounting systems and records were identified. However, as a result of our audit, we feel it necessary to discuss the following:

New Reporting Standard

During June of 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*. This statement drastically changes the way in which financial statements are prepared and requires additional information to be reported in order for the financial statements to be in compliance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Statement No. 34 took effect for the Gilford School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004.

Gilford School District

Independent Auditor's Communication of Reportable Conditions and Other Matters

The School District has not implemented GASB Statement No. 34, but has presented the financial statements following the format that was in effect prior to GASB Statement No. 34. While we have conducted our audit following generally accepted auditing standards as we have in past years, we have issued an adverse opinion this year because the financial statements are not presented following the model established by Statement No. 34. As described more fully in our audit opinion, the financial statements are missing several required statements and supplementary information, and the format presented does not follow Statement No. 34. The opinion does not mean to imply that the figures presented are incorrect, but that they are not presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

We recommend that the School District take action to implement GASB Statement No. 34 as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

Plodzick & Sanderson
Professional Association

July 21, 2004

**FINANCIAL REPORT
GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004**

General Fund

Revenues

School District Assessment	\$ 9,166,083
Other Local	2,101,653
State	5,409,080
Federal	<u>82,265</u>

<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>\$ 16,759,081</u>
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Expenditures

Current

Instruction	7,296,339
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Support Services

Student	614,528
Instructional Staff	568,789
General Administration	83,774
Executive Administration	158,154
School Administration	938,076
Business	203,388
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,305,030
Student Transportation	451,361
Other	3,255,799

Non-Instructional Services

Facilities Acquisition & Construction	168,550
Debt Service	<u>1,795,189</u>

<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$ 16,838,977</u>
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Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues

<u>Over (Under) Expenditures</u>	<u>(79,896)</u>
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Other Financing Sources (Uses)

Transfers In	315,983
Transfers Out	(8,000)

<u>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>	<u>307,983</u>
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<u>Net Change in Fund Balances</u>	<u>228,087</u>
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<u>Fund Balances – July 1</u>	<u>276,738</u>
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<u>Fund Balances – June 30</u>	<u>\$ 504,825</u>
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Note Source – Plodzik & Sanderson, Independent Auditors Report

FINANCIAL REPORT GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

FOOD SERVICE FUND For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004

Revenues

Local

Lunch and Milk Sales	\$ 118,344
A la Carte Sales	200,641
Other	4,151

State

Lunch Reimbursement	3,326
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Federal

Lunch Reimbursement	43,919
Breakfast Reimbursement	5,839
USDA Commodities	<u>16,637</u>

<u>Total Revenues</u>	\$ 392,857
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Expenditures

Current

Non-Instructional Services

Food Purchases	\$ 175,259
Labor and Benefits	184,080
Expendable Supplies	11,944
Repairs and Maintenance	771
Other	<u>18,292</u>

<u>Total Expenditures</u>	\$ 390,346
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<u>Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures</u>	2,511
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Other Financing Sources

Transfers In

General Fund	<u>8,000</u>
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<u>Net Change in Fund Balance</u>	10,511
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<u>Fund Balance – July 1</u>	<u>95,405</u>
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<u>Fund Balance – June 30</u>	<u>\$ 105,916</u>
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Note Source – Plodzik & Sanderson, Independent Auditors Report

GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004

Expenditures

Instruction	\$2,029,866.21
Related Services	158,875.41
Administration	129,040.56
Legal	.00
Transportation	83,149.61

Total Expenditures	\$2,400,931.79
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Revenues

Catastrophic Aid	\$ 24,450.69
Medicaid	82,264.80
Other LEA'S	171,310.40

Total Revenues	\$ 278,025.89
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Expenses are for delivery of special education instruction, occupational/physical therapy, speech therapy, physical therapy, and special education transportation. Grant programs and revenues are for special education services delivered through state or federal funding.

**Gunstock Acres
Water District**

GAVWD Proposed 2005 Budget

	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	9 Months	Projected	Preliminary	
Maintenance	\$63,000	\$68,113	\$63,000	\$60,188	\$63,000	\$63,000	\$52,289	\$59,698	\$72,902	
Supplies	\$18,000	\$14,081	\$18,000	\$18,748	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$10,137	\$13,445	\$14,000	
Chemicals	\$8,000	\$7,887	\$11,000	\$7,281	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$4,405	\$7,263	\$9,000	
Utilities	\$26,000	\$22,711	\$25,000	\$23,543	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$27,965	\$35,301	\$29,950	
District Officers	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$3,600	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$0	\$2,600	\$2,600	
Accounting	\$1,900	\$1,680	\$2,000	\$1,680	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,550	\$1,700	\$1,900	
Billing	\$2,000	\$1,917	\$2,000	\$1,917	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,900	\$2,000	
Administration	\$500	\$76	\$500	\$114	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$184	\$284	\$400	
Insurance	\$1,000	\$896	\$1,000	\$896	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,276	\$1,276	\$1,276	
Legal	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	
Emergency	\$19,000	\$14,089	\$17,000	\$19,384	\$27,000 *	\$27,000 *	\$20,002	\$20,193	\$20,000	
Engineering	\$500	\$0	\$8,000	\$12,627	\$1,703 **	\$1,703 **	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	
Water Quality Testing	\$1,500	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,211	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,668	\$3,743	\$4,500	
Interest on Tax-Antic	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Principal of Debt	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	
Interest of Debt	\$7,220	\$7,220	\$6,230	\$6,230	\$5,560	\$5,560	\$5,560	\$5,560	\$4,880	
SRFL Principal	\$10,277	\$10,277	\$10,399	\$10,399	\$10,522	\$10,522	\$10,522	\$10,522	\$10,647	
SRFL Interest & Fees	\$497	\$497	\$375	\$375	\$252	\$252	\$252	\$252	\$126	
Subtotal	\$178,094	\$167,044	\$182,204	\$179,193	\$183,737	\$183,737	\$145,810	\$163,737	\$195,181	
Major Equipment	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	
Unreserved surplus	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$2,925	\$2,925	\$2,925	\$2,925	\$0	
Unreserved hookups	\$23,366	\$23,366	\$61,649	\$61,649	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$0	
Totals	\$226,460	\$215,410	\$268,853	\$265,842	\$286,662	\$286,662	\$248,735	\$286,662	\$210,181	
Special Warrants			\$18,351	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$116,302	
			\$287,204	\$275,842	\$286,662	\$286,662	\$248,735	\$286,662	\$326,483	

Estimated Revenues
 Users (570x\$260) \$148,200
 Lots(193x\$60) \$11,580
 Unreserved hookups \$0
 Unreserved surplus \$0
 Special Warrant \$116,302
 Total \$276,082

* Budget was increased at Annual Meeting by \$10,000
 **Engineering was reduced from 13,500 to 1703 (ADJ by State)
 3278 Maintenance,4675 Emergency, & 8762 Supplies taken from Articles II & IV
 \$50,401 Remaining For Taxes

Town of Gilford
Town Meeting Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Gilford in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

First Session

You are hereby notified to meet for the first session of the annual meeting, to be held at the Gilford High School Auditorium, Gilford, NH of the fifth day of February 2005 being Saturday at ten in the morning (10:00 am). The first (Deliberative) session will consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each of the following warrant articles, and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except those articles whose wording is prescribed by state law. This session will be conducted in cooperation with the Gilford School District.

Second Session

You are also notified to meet for the second session of the annual town meeting, to elect town officers by official ballot and to vote by official ballot on the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the first session, to be held at the Gilford Middle School on the eighth day of March 2005, being Tuesday, at eight o'clock in the forenoon (the polls are to be open at 8:00 am and may not close prior to 7:00 pm) to act upon the following:

Election of Officers

Article 1: To choose the necessary Town Officers for the following year.

Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 5.1.1(b) to allow the Planning Board to include agricultural soils in the calculation of buildable lot area if the Planning Board makes the finding that agricultural use of the subject land is "impractical".

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 5.1.1(b) to eliminate the requirement that structures shall be located only within the buildable lot area of a lot.

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 5.1.3, "Front Setback Area", to add a new paragraph (f) to allow front setbacks for lots in the Natural Resource Residential (NRR), Limited Residential (LR), and Single Family Residential (SFR) zones, to be measured from the nearest edge of the drivable road surface if the property boundaries are not identified by a surveyor, and, provided that when they are measured in this way, the setback line is at least eighty (80) feet from the drivable road surface in the NRR and LR zones, and sixty-five (65) feet from the drivable road surface in the SFR zone.

Article 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 5.1.3, "Front Setback Area", by creating a new paragraph (g) to allow a reduced (twenty-five (25) foot) setback along a lot's road frontage where access to or from the lot along that frontage is prohibited by governmental authority. This provision would apply only to lots in non-residential zones. The proposal includes an amendment of paragraph (b) to reference the provisions of the new paragraph (g).

Article 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 5.2.1(a) to eliminate the reference to Section 5.3.1, "Building Heights" (this is a housekeeping change).

Article 7: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 5.3.1, "Building Heights", to allow increasing the maximum building height in the Industrial (I) and Professional Commercial (PC) zones from thirty-five (35) feet to forty-eight (48) feet, plus other minor housekeeping changes.

Article 8: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 5.2.5(b), "Permitted Uses", to allow a Medical Center use in the Business Park District to be located in one or more buildings provided the buildings' aggregate floor area is 10,000 square feet or more (currently each building with a Medical Center use must have 10,000 square feet floor area).

Article 9: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 11.4.6(c)(9) to eliminate the requirement that Multiple Family Developments be connected to a public sewer system.

Other Municipal Articles

Article 10: Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the Budget Committee. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,850,000 for the construction, furnishings, equipment and landscaping of a new public library, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the issuance of \$2,350,000 of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, with \$500,000 to be raised by private donations. 3/5 majority vote required. **(Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Not recommended by the Budget Committee)**

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and AFSCME, Local 534, regarding DPW employees, which calls for the following costs in each of the respective years:

2005	\$44583-
2006	\$48100-
2007	\$52045-

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44583 which represents the additional costs payable in 2005 attributable to the agreement. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Recommended by the Budget Committee)**

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hold one special meeting if Article 11 is defeated. This would allow a meeting to be held for the purpose of considering the Collective Bargaining Agreement only, without having to petition the court for permission to hold a special meeting.

Article 13: Shall the Town of Gilford raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$9,786,924? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$9,765,023, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of The Town of Gilford or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Note: This warrant article does not include appropriations in any other warrant article. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Recommended by the Budget Committee)**

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10000 for the Laconia Airport Authority. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Not recommended by the Budget Committee)**

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to deposit 100% of the Land Use Change Tax revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:7 in the Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the practice of mailing an annual list of assessments to taxpayers, and rather to continue to make a list available at the Town Hall, Library, on the Town's web site, or sent by mail upon request. This effort is an attempt to save approximately \$3600 of printing and mailing costs.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to change the polling hours in all elections from the current hours of 8:00am – 7:00pm to hours beginning at 7:00am and closing no earlier than 7:00pm. **(submitted by petition)**

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey a small triangular tract of land on the northwesterly side of Longridge Drive that was acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's deed dated September 8, 1981, recorded in the Belknap County Registry of Deeds in Book 814, Page 213, to Bryan F. Johnson, which parcel of land has been shown and is shown as part of the property owned by said Bryan F. Johnson and his predecessors as Tax Map No. 227-225.000. **(submitted by petition)**

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey a small triangular tract of land near the end of Doris Drive that was acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's deed dated September 8, 1981, recorded in the Belknap County Registry of Deeds in Book 814, Page 213, to Bryan F. Johnson and Catherine J. Johnson, Trustees of the Bryan F. Johnson Trust, which parcel has been shown and is shown as part of the property owned by said trust and its predecessors as Tax Map No. 227-225.001. **(submitted by petition)**

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey a small triangular tract of land at the intersection of Goodwin Road and Belknap Mountain Road to Bryan F. Johnson and Catherine J. Johnson, Trustees of the Bryan F. Johnson Trust, which parcel has been shown and is shown as part of the property owned by said trust and its predecessors as Tax Map No. 227-225.001. **(submitted by petition)**

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to amend the ordinance regulating parking at the Glendale Facility to change the dates of enforcement from April 1 – October 12, to April 1 – October 31.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to amend the ordinance regulating placement and control of refuse containers at the Glendale Docks as follows:

Article I. Empowers the Selectmen to *control* the proper disposal of trash generated at specified locations at the Glendale Docks

Article II, Section 1. changes the wording from "Allowed" to *The following shall be permitted to use the refuge containers at the Glendale Docks:*

Article II, Section 2. changes the wording from "Not Allowed" to *The following shall be prohibited from using the refuge containers at the Glendale Docks:*

Article III. Change paragraph "A" to *Section 1* and change "dump sticker" to *taxpayer decal*. Also, to change paragraph "B" to *Section 2*.

Article V. Change enforcement dates from "the last Friday in April to the third Monday in October" to *April 1 to October 31*. Also to change the fine from "up to \$100" to *\$100 for the first violation and \$250 for each subsequent violation*.

Article 23: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Dated and signed on January 26, 2005 and ordered posted by the undersigned members of the Town of Gilford, New Hampshire Board of Selectmen.

Alice H Boucher, Chairman

Dennis J. Doten

Kinney O'Rourke

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants of the Town of Gilford to meet for the 2005 Deliberative Session and Official Balloting at the time and place indicated in this warrant, by posting an attested copy of this document on January 31, 2005 at the Gilford Middle School, High School, Town Hall, Library, and Department of Public Works.

Alice H Boucher, Chairman

Dennis J. Doten

Kinney O'Rourke

Subscribed and sworn to this 28th day of January 2005.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

Gillford, NH

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

This is to certify that this budget was posted with the warrant on the (date) January 31, 2005.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

Stephen C. White
Walter V. Coleman
John O'Brien
Constance A. Chant
Diane Goodhue
Charles M. Corrigan

Joan Patricia Murphy
William H. Phillips
Danella L. Smith

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
 MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
 (603)271-3397

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 Rev. 07/02

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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
4130-4139	Executive	12	406616	399031	429046		429046	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	12	194603	165422	193263		193263	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	12	142295	142688	187904		187904	
4152	Revaluation of Property	12	159234	132144	162037		162037	
4153	Legal Expense	12	50000	91532	60000		60000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	12	1350680	1565291	1979360		1869445	109415
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	12	195042	182850	202018		202018	
4194	General Government Buildings	12	248904	249020	250922		250922	
4195	Cameleries	12	4700	3854	4900		4900	
4196	Insurance	12	73000	73881	75000		75000	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	12	7570	7570	7570		7570	
4199	Other General Government	12						
PUBLIC SAFETY								
4210-4214	Police	12	1235047	1219003	1313527		1313527	
4215-4219	Ambulance	12						
4220-4229	Fire	12	915168	897685	985416		978272	7144
4240-4249	Building Inspection	12						
4290-4298	Emergency Management	12	8386	8359	3386		3386	
4299	Other (Including Communications)	12	44564	38461	44400		44400	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER								
4301-4309	Airport Operations	13						
HIGHWAYS & STREETS								
4311	Administration	12	113621	108322	159926		159926	
4312	Highways & Streets	10 & 12	784275	583086	695150		695150	
4313	Bridges	12	287000	234052	50000		50000	

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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)			Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by ORA		Actual Expenditures Prior Year		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED) (NOT RECOMMENDED)		BUDGET COMMITTEES APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED	
ACCT. #	HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
4316	Street Lighting		12	17000		16415	19000			19000	
4319	Other		12	150115		139346	151289			151289	
SANITATION											
4321	Administration										
4323	Solid Waste Collection										
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		12	447801		384202	448803			448803	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up										
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other										
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT											
4331	Administration		12	18483		18483	19000			19000	
4332	Water Services										
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other										
ELECTRIC											
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation										
4353	Purchase Costs										
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance										
4359	Other Electric Costs										
HEALTH/WELFARE											
4411	Administration			0							
4414	Pest Control		12	5400		5730	5500			5500	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		12	43248		43248	43477			43477	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		12	55500		61704	60000			61000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts										
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other										

ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)		Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA		Actual Expenditures Prior Year		SELECTMENTS APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED) (NOT RECOMMENDED)		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED	
	CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX	
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		12	170435	161639	180959			180959	
4550-4559	Library		12	235381	233238	245619			245619	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		12	8100	8105	8110			8110	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		12	10000	10000	10000			10000	
CONSERVATION										
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		12	1230	593	1700			1700	
4619	Other Conservation									
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING									
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT									
DEBT SERVICE										
4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes		12	565320	540305	363779			363779	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		12	18432	85080	97052			97052	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		12	1	5001	1			1	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service									
CAPITAL OUTLAY										
4901	Land		12	426000	416000	0			0	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		12	242786	180796	265024			265024	
4903	Buildings		9					2650000		2650000
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.		12	700000	694344	505000			505000	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT										
4912	To Special Revenue Fund									
4913	To Capital Projects Fund									
4914	To Enterprise Fund									
	Sewer-		12	514072	460695	674345			674345	
	Water-									

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
					(RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	Ensuing Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.								
	Electric-		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund							
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917							
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Agency Funds							
SUBTOTAL 1			9870089	9563465	9902483	2850000	9786924	2966559

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

1	2	3	4	5	6
ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes	12	50000	33798	55000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes	12	20000	21043	20000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	12	6500	6587	6500
3189	Other Taxes	12	11018	11018	10758
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	12	100748	132120	140700
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	12	58020	58068	58020
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	12	1618600	1634208	1512000
3230	Building Permits	12	39960	59053	45700
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	12	6450	7420	6900
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	12	3336	3336	
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues	12	38171	86370	38171
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	12	238450	238450	207847
3353	Highway Block Grant	12	181501	181501	195324
3354	Water Pollution Grant	12	32039	3239	113255
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	12	1229	1229	1400
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	12	237763	257262	
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments	12	304120	365160	301930
3409	Other Charges	12	89600	107723	107800
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	12	50369	52569	20000
3502	Interest on Investments	12	30000	23131	30000
3503-3509	Other	12	45100	47614	4500
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	12	91000	91000	
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

1	2	3	4	5	6
ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)	12	514072	514072	674345
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	12	100000	100000	0
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			3668096	4047994	3550235

BUDGET SUMMARY

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	9870089	9902483	9786924
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrent Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)			
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	10000	54583	44583
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	9880089	9957066	9831507
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	3668096	4047994	3550235
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	6011993	5909072	6281272

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: 10,307,744 _____
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

BUDGET COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

(For Calculating 10% Maximum Increase)

(RSA 32:18, 19, & 32:21)

VERSION #2: Use if you have Collective Bargaining Cost Items

LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: Gilford.

FISCAL YEAR END 2005

Col. A

	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
1. Total RECOMMENDED by Budget Committee (see budget MS7, 27, or 37)	9,831,507
LESS EXCLUSIONS:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	363,779
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	97,052
4. Capital Outlays Funded From Long-Term Bonds & Notes per RSA 33:8 & 33:7-b	
5. Mandatory Assessments	
6. TOTAL EXCLUSIONS (Sum of rows 2-5)	< 460,831 >
7. Amount recommended less recommended exclusion amounts (Line 1 less Line 6)	9,370,676
8. Line 7 times 10%	937,068
9. Maximum allowable appropriation prior to vote (Line 1 + 8)	10,307,744
10. Collective Bargaining Cost Items, RSA 32:19 & 273-A:1, IV, (Complete Col. A prior to meeting & Col. B and Col. C at meeting)	Cost items recommended 44,583

Col. C

(Col. B-A)

Col. B

Cost items voted

Amt. voted above recommended

MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE APPROPRIATIONS VOTED

At meeting, add Line 9 + Column C.

\$ _____

Line 8 plus any not recommended collective bargaining cost items or increases to cost items voted is the maximum allowable increase to budget committee's recommended budget. Please enter this amount on the bottom of the posted budget form, MS7, 27, or 37.

Please attach a copy of this completed supplemental schedule to the back of the budget form.

DEFAULT BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL

OF: _____ GILFORD _____ NH

Fiscal Year From July 1, 2005 June 30, 2006


RSA 40:13, IX (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision.

1. Use this form to list the default budget calculation in the appropriate columns.
 2. Post this form or any amended version with proposed operating budget (MS-26 or MS-27) and the warrant.
 3. Per RSA 40:13, XI, (a), the default budget shall be disclosed at the first budget hearing.

SCHOOL BOARD

or

Budget Committee if RSA 40:14-b is adopted



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 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
	INSTRUCTION (1000-1999)	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
1100-1199	Regular Programs	5,922,275	382,179	0	6,304,454
1200-1299	Special Programs	1,619,066	314,745	0	1,933,811
1300-1399	Vocational Programs	27,840	0	0	27,840
1400-1499	Other Programs	382,371	8,982	0	391,353
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs	0	0	0	0
1600-1899	Adult & Community Programs	0	0	0	0
	SUPPORT SERVICES (2000-2999)	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2000-2199	Student Support Services	648,834	55,459	0	704,293
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	633,841	14,683	0	648,524
	General Administration	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2310-840	School Board Contingency	0	0	0	0
2310-2319	Other School Board	66,200	11,500	0	77,700
	Executive Administration	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2320-310	SAU Management Services	0	0	0	0
2320-2399	All Other Administration	145,350	0	0	145,350
2400-2499	School Administration Service	958,881	0	0	958,881
2500-2599	Business	233,080	12,479	0	245,559
2600-2699	Operation & Maint. of Plant	1,360,144	75,952	0	1,436,096
2700-2799	Student Transportation	465,742	23,560	0	489,302
2800-2999	Support Serv Central & Other	3,760,559	764,772	0	4,525,331
3000-3999	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	509,849	42,053	0	551,902
4000-4999	FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS & CONSTRUCTION	487,401	0	487,401	0
	OTHER OUTLAYS (5000-5999)	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5110	Debt Service - Principal	1,045,000	0	0	1,045,000
5120	Debt Service - Interest	712,875	(35,250)		677,625
	FUND TRANSFERS	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5220-5221	To Food Service	8,000	0	0	8,000
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue	309,984	110,368	0	420,352
5230-5239	To Capital Projects	1	(1)	0	0
5251	To Capital Reserves	0	0	0	0
5252	To Expendable Trust	0	0	0	0

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
	FUND TRANSFERS	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
5253	To Non-Expendable Trusts	0	0	0	0
5254	To Agency Funds	0	0	0	0
5300-5399	Intergovernment Agency Alloc	0	0	0	0
	SUPPLEMENTAL	0	0	0	0
	DEFICIT	0	0	0	0
	SUBTOTAL 1	19,297,293	1,781,481	487,401	20,591,373

Please use the box below to explain increases or reductions in columns 4 & 5.

Acct #	Explanation for Increases	Acct #	Explanation for Reductions
1100-1199	Salaries - Contractual Obligations	4000-4999	Facility Planning and Construction
1200-1299	Salaries - Contractual Obligations/Mandated Spec. Ed. Services	5120	Debt Service Interest
1400-1499	Salaries - Contractual Obligations/Drivers Ed.		
2000-2199	Salaries - Contractual Obligations/Mandatory Testing		
2200-2299	Salaries and Contractual Obligations		
2310-2319	Legal Obligations		
2500-2599	Property/Liability Insurance Obligations		
2600-2699	Increase in Cost of Utilities (Oil/Electricity/Gas)		
2700-2799	Increase Cost of Transportation - Mandatory Obligation		
2800-2999	Salaries,Benefits & Insurance Contractual Obligations		

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SCHOOL BUDGET FORM

BUDGET FORM FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24
OF:

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year From

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list ALL APPROPRIATIONS in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the school clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the above address.

Date: _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

Richard C. Hackett
Diana Goodhue
Constance A. Christ
William H. Shedd
Arcen Patricia Murphy
Paul R. Torkin

John T. Breen
Daniel A. Breen
Susan C. Green

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE SCHOOL WARRANT

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR ART.#	Expenditures for Year 7/1/03 to 6/30/04	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	BUDGET COMMITTEE APPROP. ENSUING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
INSTRUCTION (1000-1999)								
1100-1199	Regular Programs		5,582,740.61	5,922,275	6,387,307		6,387,307	
1200-1299	Special Programs		1,239,770.18	1,619,066	1,934,614		1,934,614	
1300-1399	Vocational Programs		24,667.00	27,840	27,840		27,840	
1400-1499	Other Programs		343,615.35	382,371	437,272		437,272	
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs							
1600-1899	Adult & Community Programs							
SUPPORT SERVICES (2000-2999)								
2000-2199	Student Support Services		614,528.45	648,834	698,293		698,293	
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services		568,788.58	633,841	682,774		682,774	
General Administration								
2310 840	School Board Contingency							
2310-2319	Other School Board		83,773.74	66,200	77,700		77,700	
Executive Administration								
2320-310	SAU Management Services							
2320-2399	All Other Executive		158,154.39	145,350	145,350		145,350	
2400-2499	School Administration Service		938,075.50	958,881	938,863		938,863	
2500-2599	Business		202,987.86	233,080	246,559		246,559	
2600-2699	Operation & Maintenance of Plant		1,494,285.06	1,360,144	1,365,298		1,365,298	
2700-2799	Student Transportation		451,361.26	465,742	493,302		493,302	
2800-2999	Other Support Service		3,255,799.49	3,760,559	4,574,675		4,574,675	
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES								
3000-3999			372,738.82	509,849	551,902		551,902	
FACILITIES ACQUISITIONS & CONSTRUCTION								
4000-4999			0.00	487,402	1		1	
OTHER OUTLAYS (5000-5999)								
5110	Debt Service - Principal		1,047,033.00	1,045,000	1,045,000		1,045,000	
5120	Debt Service - Interest		748,155.50	712,875	677,625		677,625	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:4, V)	WARR ART.#	Expenditures for Year 7/1/03 to 6/30/04	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED	BUDGET COMMITTEE APPROP. ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED		
FUND TRANSFERS								
5220-5221	To Food Service		8,000	8,000	1	1		
5222-5229	To other Special Revenue-Federal Projects		296,533	309,984	420,352	420,352		
5230-5239	To Capital Projects							
5251	To Capital Reserves							
5252	To Expendable Trust (*see below)							
5253	To Non-Expendable Trusts							
5254	To Agency Funds							
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Alloc.							
	SUPPLEMENTAL							
	DEFICIT							
	SUBTOTAL 1		17,431,007.29	19,297,293	20,704,728	0	20,704,728	0

PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER DETAIL:

* Amount of line 5252 which is for Health Maintenance Trust \$ (see RSA 198:20-c, V)

Help: We ask your assistance in the following: If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS	Expenditures	Appropriations	WARR.	SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE APPROP	
		for Year 7/1/03	Prior Year As		ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
Acct. #	(RSA 32:3.V)	to 6/30/04	Approved by DRA	ART. #	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS	Expenditures	Appropriations	WARR.	SCHOOL BOARD APPROPRIATIONS			
		for Year 7/1/03	Prior Year As		ENSURING FISCAL YEAR			
		to 6/30/04	Approved by DEB	APT #	RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED			
	(RSA 32:3, V)				RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED			
	Acct. #				BUDGET COMMITTEE APPROV			

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1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING FY
REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES			X000000000X	X000000000X	X000000000X
1300-1349	Tuition		1,733,388	1,836,672	2,314,048
1400-1449	Transportation Fees				
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments		1,385	2,500	2,500
1600-1699	Food Service Sales		330,379	464,849	506,902
1700-1799	Student Activities				
1800-1899	Community Services Activities				
1900-1999	Other Local Sources		516,308	102,642	98,683
	Other Local Sources - Rental Fees		1,555	1,000	5,000
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES			X000000000X	X000000000X	X000000000X
3210	School Building Aid		372,891	346,367	372,183
3220	Kindergarten Aid				
3230	Catastrophic Aid		24,451	45,537	155,828
3240-3249	Vocational Aid				
3250	Adult Education				
3260	Child Nutrition		3,326	3,000	3,000
3270	Driver Education		15,450	15,000	15,000
3290-3299	Other State Sources				
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES			X000000000X	X000000000X	X000000000X
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants		117,104	125,953	189,400
4540	Vocational Education				
4550	Adult Education				
4560	Child Nutrition		50,474	42,000	42,000
4570	Disabilities Programs		179,429	184,031	230,952
4580	Medicaid Distribution		82,265	50,000	50,000
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (except 4810)				
4810	Federal Forest Reserve				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			X000000000X	X000000000X	X000000000X
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes				
5221	Transfer from Food Service-Spec.Rev.Fund				
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds				
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds		0	407,400	0
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds				

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING FY
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES CONT.					
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds		165,000	0	0
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds				
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources				
5140	THIS SECTION FOR CALCULATION OF RAN's (REIMBURSEMENT ANTICIPATION NOTES) PER RSA 198:20-D FOR CATASTROPHIC AID BORROWING RAN, Revenue This FY_____less RAN, Revenue Last FY_____ =NET RAN				
	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)				
	Voted From Fund Balance				
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes			462,505	100,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			3,428,404	4,089,456	4,085,496

BUDGET SUMMARY

	SCHOOL BOARD	BUDGET COMMITTEE
	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 3)	20,704,728	20,704,728
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 4)	219,500	0
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 4)	0	0
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	20,924,228	20,704,728
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	4,085,496	4,085,496
Less: Amount of Cost of Adequate Education (State Tax/Grant)*	4,504,356	4,504,356
Estimated Amount of Local Taxes to be Raised For Education	12,334,376	12,114,876

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18 :\$1,898,210
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

*Note: You will also be required to pay a State Education Tax RSA 76:3 and you may be required to pay an additional excess education tax in the amount of \$ _____.

**GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Gilford in the County of Belknap, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote on District affairs:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative):

You are hereby notified to meet at the Gilford High School, 88 Alvah Wilson Road, Gilford, New Hampshire on Saturday, February 5, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles number 2 and 3. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations. (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended and (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended.

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Voting):

Voting on warrant articles number 1 through 3 will be conducted by official ballot to be held in conjunction with town meeting voted to be held on **Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 2005, at the Town election polls, Gilford Middle School, 72 Alvah Wilson Road, Gilford, New Hampshire.** Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE I Election of Officers (March 8th only)

To choose the following school district officers:

School District Moderator	1-Year Term
School District Clerk	1-Year Term
School District Treasurer	1-Year Term
School Board Member	3-Year Term

ARTICLE 2 Full Day Kindergarten

Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$219,500) to be added to the operating budget for the purpose of extending the current half-day Kindergarten program to a full day Kindergarten program. (If this article is approved, the additional cost for the full day program will be included in the operating budget for future years.)

School Board: Recommended

Budget Committee: Not Recommended

ARTICLE 3 General Budget Funds

Shall the Gilford School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Twenty Million, Seven Hundred and Four Thousand, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$20,704,728.00). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Twenty Million, Five Hundred Ninety One Thousand, Three Hundred Seventy Three Dollars (\$20,591,373), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Gilford School District, or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

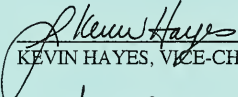
Note: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.

School Board: Recommended

Budget Committee: Recommended

Given under our hands and seals this 24th Day of January, 2005


PAUL BLANDFORD, CHAIRPERSON


KEVIN HAYES, VICE-CHAIRPERSON


SUSAN ALLEN



MARGO WEEKS


DEREK TOMLINSON

A true copy of Warrant: Attest:



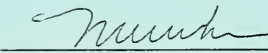
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SUSAN ALLEN, CLERK



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